

House approves measures, 60-35 Ehrlich says U.S. must know Israel is 'tightening belt'

By ASHER WALLFISH
Jerusalem Post Knesset Reporter

The Knesset last night approved by a vote of 60-35, with one abstention, the government's statement on this week's economic and fiscal measures that had been made 6 1/2 hours earlier by Finance Minister Simcha Ehrlich.

The DMC voted with the government.

The House also voted down two no-confidence motions in the government, based on its economic policy, which had been presented by the Popular Front for Peace and Equality (New Communists) and Shelli.

The Alignment demonstrated its opposition to the government's policies by abstaining on both no-confidence motions.

Presenting the government statement, Ehrlich, who is acting prime minister, said that it was essential for the U.S. President and the American people to know, at a time when they are studying Israel's problems — including those relating to economic and security aid — that Israel was making demands first and foremost of themselves.

"We are tightening our belts, before we turn to our great friend the United States with a request for assistance," Ehrlich said.

Ehrlich said he had appointed a joint team representing the Finance and Welfare Ministries, the National Insurance Institute and the Bank of Israel to calculate the precise compensation for low-income families in the light of the new price rises. This team would keep watch on subsequent developments after it had submitted its conclusions, he said.

Were it not for the Government's measures, he said, the annual deficit would have come to 22,500m., and IL13,500m. worth of per money would have had to be met without cover. This would have upset the stability of the economy, increased the rate of inflation, increased consumption and imports, impaired the profitability of exports and eroded the foreign currency reserves, he said.

Ehrlich said it was generally agreed that higher taxation was not the solution to surplus purchasing power caused by the Treasury pumping too much money into the economy. The government's solution might hurt but it was less painful than increasing inflation or taxation.

A comprehensive economic programme would take the government a long time to prepare, the minister said. Before it was ready, the government would seek a dialogue with the Histadrut and the employers so that the programme would be based on mutual understanding. But, meanwhile there were two problems which could not be left in abeyance: the subsidies and the cuts in budgetary expenditure. So the government had decided to cut now, in order to avoid cut-

ting more later, he said.

The economic and fiscal measures would make prices rise by some five per cent. This was predicted when the total price rise for the year was gauged at 28 per cent — about ten per cent less than 1976. In the first six months, prices went up some 10.2 per cent.

Despite the price rises, Ehrlich said, wages would go up particularly fast, in real money terms, this year: between eight and ten per cent. In nominal money terms, they would go up 43 per cent on an average. In the first half of 1977 wages went up 12 per cent in real money terms.

When the minister said that national security would not be impaired by the defence budget cuts, since the money would come from savings, from greater efficiency and from marginal items, former defence minister Shimon Peres interrupted him. Peres said that the Treasury and the Defence Ministry

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Work stoppage tomorrow to protest cut in subsidies

Jerusalem Post reporter

TEL AVIV. — The Histadrut has called for one-hour work stoppages throughout the country tomorrow morning between 10 and 11 o'clock to protest the cut in subsidies on basic foodstuffs. Exempted from the work halt are workers in defence industries, hospitals and other essential services.

The labour federation will seek greater compensation for the new price increases than that which will be provided in the October cost-of-living increment, Uriel Abrahamowicz head of the Trade Unions Department, told the Post yesterday.

The October Co-L payment will not reflect the real price increases resulting from the new economic measures, he said. It will only cover the June-August period, while the in-

creases will still be building up after those months, Abrahamowicz said.

He also noted that the Co-L increment compensates for only 70 per cent of the registered increase in prices.

Abrahamowicz said that Histadrut officials will meet shortly with government officials to discuss ways of providing additional compensation for the price increases. He would not go into details of the Histadrut demand, but stressed that the Co-L increment would not be considered adequate.

Herut's National Federation of Labour issued a statement yesterday expressing understanding for the government's new measures. But it also called for the immediate payment of the full cost-of-living increment which is due as a result of the price increases.

Committee recommends closing two blocks of Rehov Hashomer

By HAIM SHAPIRO
Jerusalem Post Reporter

The public committee appointed Transport Ministry director Ehud Shiloah to study Bnei Brak's controversial Rehov Hashomer last night recommended that two blocks of the street be closed to traffic on the Sabbath and holidays.

The committee, headed by former Aviv District Court Judge Max Zaslavsky, thus agreed with the decision of the Bnei Brak municipality.

The issue was ignited three weeks when a passenger died after the bus he was riding in crashed into a barrier stretched across the street. For the past two Sabbaths the set has been the scene of near riots, with crowds of secular and religious demonstrators attacking each other and the police, both verbally and physically.

In its two meetings the committee, which also included Professors Avron Turgenik of Tel Aviv University and Moshe Livne of Haifa University, heard representatives of the secular and religious groups, as well as municipal, police, and Transport Ministry officials.

However, the committee's findings are not binding. The Transport Ministry director-general will have to decide whether or not to accept the Shiloah said last night that he had to study the report before he could comment on it. He said the decision will have to rest with MK Yoram Aridor, the Prime

Minister's deputy, who is presently responsible for the vacant Transport Cabinet post.

The committee's report noted that the closure of the street should be by means of the usual traffic signs. The police may put up additional barriers, the committee noted, but in no case should there be chains or rigid physical obstructions. This did not prevent the religious from blocking the street, if they can contravene decisions, so can we," Baruch stressed that his group had urged outsiders "not to interfere or to fan the flames. We are only fighting for the rights of the non-religious residents of the area. Outsiders should use alternative routes." He conceded, however, that he is not sure if it is possible to prevent outside political groups from capitalising on the issue.

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Mordechai Baruch, active on the Public Council of Bnei Brak's non-

religious residents, told The Jerusalem Post yesterday: "We should not let this matter pass in silence. Most of us have been living here longer than the residents of the new religious housing estate and we will not allow the newcomers to coerce us. Last year it was recommended that Rehov Hashomer be opened to Sabbath traffic. This did not prevent the religious from blocking the street, if they can contravene decisions, so can we."

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Dollar still dropping

LONDON (AP). — The dollar fell to new all-time lows against the strong German and Swiss currencies yesterday as Europeans continued to unload the American currency on financial markets.

The price of gold in London, meanwhile, rose to its highest level in nearly two months.

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President Carter greets Prime Minister Begin on the south lawn of the White House. (AP wirephoto)

Lavish praise for PM at White House arrival

By WOLF BLITZER
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WASHINGTON. — President Jimmy Carter welcomed Prime Minister Menachem Begin to the White House yesterday, declaring that this was "a very important day in the history of our nation, and I think perhaps for the future of the Middle East and perhaps even for the future of the world."

Following a 19-gun salute and the playing by a marine band of the U.S. and Israeli national anthems, both Begin and Carter noted that they may wind up with different views in their search for an Arab-Israeli peace settlement. But they pledged to work together to achieve that objective.

"We share that common project," Carter asserted. "And although there might be differences in perspective and viewpoint, between him and me, his nation and the United States, that common goal of finding a path to permanent peace will inevitably bind us together."

Begin, standing together with the President and his wife, on a lawn on the White House front lawn, said: "I share your view that we stand together for human liberty and dignity. And we may have differences of opinion, but we shall never disagree; we may only agree to differ."

Shortly after their unusually warm opening statements, the two leaders and their senior aides went into the White House Oval Office to begin the first of three rounds of formal talks. Last night, Carter was host at a working dinner at the White House in Begin's honour, followed by the customary private discussion upstairs. They are to resume formal talks at the White House this morning.

Under an extraordinarily hot Washington sun — the temperature hovered around 38 degrees centigrade all day long — Carter seemed to go out of his way to praise Begin. This was symptomatic of the concerted U.S. effort to ease the strain in American-Israeli relations that threatened to develop following the Begin victory in the May elections.

"To me, having read the writings and biography of our distinguished visitor this morning, there is a great parallel between what Israel is, what it stands for, and what Prime Minister Begin is and what he stands for," Carter said. "He is a man who has demonstrated a willingness to suffer for principle, a man who has shown superlative personal courage in the face of tremendous disappointment, but who has ultimately prevailed because of the depth of his commitment and his own personal characteristics."

Begin, dressed in a dark gray suit and looking fine despite the hot weather, opened his remarks in Hebrew. "Mr. President, I have come from the Land of Zion and Jerusalem as the spokesman for an ancient people and a young nation. God's blessing on America, the hope of the human race. Peace to your great nation."

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After the White House meeting, Begin and his aides drove to the State Department for a working luncheon with Secretary of State Cyrus Vance. Later in the afternoon, the Prime Minister was to meet separately with Defence Secretary Harold Brown and Treasury Secretary Michael Blumenthal.

At the lawn ceremony, Mrs. Lillian Carter, the President's mother, stood atop one of the White House balconies observing the festivities. The Israeli delegation as well as senior U.S. officials, including Vance, National Security Adviser Zbigniew Brzezinski and U.S. Ambassador to Israel Samuel Lewis, stood behind the stage. A crowd of about 200 invited guests — mostly Israeli officials at the embassy, their wives and children, as well as prominent Washington Jewish leaders — stood along the side and cheered Begin and Carter.

The President hailed Israel's recent admission of 66 Vietnamese refugees as "an act of compassion, an act of sensitivity, and a recognition by him (Begin) and his government of the importance of a home for people who were destitute and who would like to express their own individuality and freedom."

Begin, responding, recalled the plight of the S.S. St. Louis, a German passenger ship carrying some 900 Jewish refugees in the late 1930s that was denied entrance into many foreign ports for over nine months. "Eventually, they went back to Europe," Begin said. "Some of them saved their lives. The majority of them went to the gas chambers. We have never forgotten the lot of our people, persecuted, humiliated, ultimately physically destroyed."

Carter said that he had been "encouraged" by Begin's recent "statements that all the points of dispute with his Arab neighbours are negotiable; that this year might be a time of success in the so far frustrated efforts to bring permanent peace and security into the Middle East."

Begin and Carter, neither speaking from a prepared text, seemed especially gracious to each other.

"I am particularly thrilled to have them come here," Carter said of the Prime Minister and Mrs. Begin. He added jokingly: "We have had many distinguished visitors this year, but he is the first one who comes as the head of a nation who is junior to me. All the others have been presidents or prime ministers or kings much longer. So I welcome the chance to act as a senior statesman this morning."

The President complimented Israel for going through such an "orderly transition of authority and responsibility from one political party to another." He said: Prime Minister Begin represents a nation which has just demonstrated again the importance of a true democracy, where people, in an absolutely unconstrained expression of individual preference, in open elections, can decide who their leader will be."

Carter also said that he admires Begin's "deep and unwavering religious commitment. This has always been a guiding factor in his consciousness and in his pursuit of unwavering goals. There is a quietness about him which goes with determination and a fiery spirit in his expressions of his beliefs to the public. And this is as it should be."

Carter concluded his remarks by quoting a passage from Isaiah (32:18): "And the work of righteousness shall be peace, and the effect of righteousness, quietness and assurance forever."

Begin, speaking English eloquently, recalled the travails of the Jewish people. "In our own time, these people were thrown into the abyss. It had to extricate itself from the depths of the pits with the last vestige of its strength through an unequalled fight for national self-liberation of the few against the many, of the weak against the strong, of right against might."

Carter finds Begin's plan 'worth study'

By WOLF BLITZER
Jerusalem Post Correspondent

WASHINGTON. — Prime Minister Menachem Begin yesterday gave President Carter proposals for a Middle East settlement which the White House later described as "forward-looking and worth consideration."

It said the two leaders also agreed, in two hours of talks, on the need to move rapidly toward reconvening the Geneva conference on the Middle East this year, keeping in mind the importance of careful preparation.

White House spokesman Jody Powell said both sides agreed that their aim was to search for ways to begin negotiations.

He said Carter believed yesterday's talks, the first between the two leaders since Begin arrived on Monday from New York, had helped move toward that aim.

"The Prime Minister's views are forward-looking and worthy of consideration and will be further discussed both tonight and tomorrow," Powell said.

Both American and Israeli sources here accentuated the positive after yesterday's first round of talks, but areas of disagreement did arise. Powell confirmed that the President had raised the issue of Israel settlements in the administered territories.

An official White House statement issued after the meeting summed up the session this way: "The meeting was devoted to a thorough and searching discussion of how to move toward an overall settlement of the Arab-Israeli conflict. The President and Prime Minister each developed their ideas on the issues involved."

At the State Department later yesterday, Begin told reporters that the proposals he presented to President Carter were the framework of a peace-making process.

He said he had cordial discussions with Secretary of State Vance over lunch and added: "The discussions were very good, very serious and very important."

Begin would not disclose details of the discussions or his plan. "All the important statements will be made tomorrow," (today) he said.

Begin is expected to make public details of his peace plan at a press conference here this afternoon. Israeli sources said that the plan was primarily a "framework" for moving towards peace.

But he indicated agreement on the need for Secretary of State Cyrus Vance to travel to the area soon to discuss preparations for an Arab-Israeli meeting in Geneva.

The two leaders discussed what the U.S. considers to be the three central issues in the way of a settlement. These are the need for secure and recognized boundaries, the nature of the peace between Israel and its Arab neighbours, and the question of the Palestinians.

But the Palestinian issue was discussed primarily in terms of how to solve the procedural question of the form of their representation at Geneva. Powell said.

The spokesman described the talks, at which the two leaders were joined by senior aides, as very frank and extremely friendly. He said it could not be expected that they were 100 per cent in agreement.

The major part of yesterday morning's talks focused on movement toward the Geneva conference, which met only briefly in December, 1973, the spokesman said. A White House statement said both leaders developed their ideas on the issues involved in overall settlement of the Arab-Israeli conflict.

"They agreed that all the issues must be settled through negotiations between the parties based on UN Security Council resolutions 242 and 338 which all the governments directly concerned have accepted," it said.

Carter spent most of the time during the meeting giving Begin his impressions of the Arab positions. He spent some 15 minutes conferring privately with the Prime Minister before a formal session, which took place in the Cabinet room.

Meanwhile, Powell confirmed that the U.S. was considering the sale of 60 F-15 fighter bombers to Saudi Arabia, and would initiate consultations with Congress on this issue shortly. Such a sale is bound to upset Israel, and disclosure of it has marred the Begin visit, which otherwise seems to be going well.

Mks flock to TV

The plenum chamber in the Knesset virtually emptied when Israel TV showed the White House reception for Premier Begin. More than half the House clustered around the TV set in the dining room and those at the back could not even see by standing on tiptoe. MKs were there from all the factions except the Democratic Front.

Cabinet to hear Begin proposals

Post Diplomatic Correspondent

Foreign Minister Moshe Dayan will convey to the Cabinet today a preliminary report on Prime Minister Menachem Begin's talks in Washington.

The Cabinet will also discuss this week's sweeping economic measures. The session will be chaired by Minister of Finance Simcha Ehrlich who is functioning as acting prime minister in Mr. Begin's absence.

Foreign Minister Dayan yesterday handed over to the Knesset Committee for Security and Foreign Affairs the Middle East peace document which Begin delivered to U.S.

President Carter last night. The document, which touches on proposals for settling the Arab-Israeli conflict, is officially called a "framework" for advancing the peace process in the region. It outlines Israel's concepts on settling the issues of the Golan, Sinai and the West Bank under separate peace treaties with Syria, Egypt and Jordan.

Dayan detailed these concepts when queried by the members of the Security and Foreign Affairs Committee at a meeting held yesterday. No information was made available to the press, however. The Israel peace plan was expected to be disclosed by Begin at a press conference in Washington today.

Egypt returns 19 bodies with full military honours

Jerusalem Post Staff

Nineteen bodies of Israeli soldiers killed during the Yom Kippur War were repatriated to Israel yesterday in the Sinai buffer zone between Israel and Egypt, the military spokesman announced. The exchange at the El Khras Station was conducted through the offices of the International Red Cross and the UN.

As the coffins were unloaded from a military truck and carried by Egyptian soldiers in battle fatigues past an Egyptian honour guard to the Israeli side, a small band beat a drum roll. Each of the wooden caskets was freshly painted and bore an insignia in Arabic. A typical one read, "Here lies an Israeli soldier found in an Israeli uniform south of Mido on the Suez Canal." Naming where the body was found was a gesture aimed at identifying the body.

IDF Chief Chaplain Gad Navon read excerpts from the Psalms and the IDF soldiers draped the coffins with the national flag. At a military ceremony that ensued, Defence Minister Ezer Weizman said: "We hope that these will be the last to die in Israel's wars. This may be possible, judging by the present signs and gestures bringing peace between Israel and her neighbours closer."

It was clear from the two busloads of journalists brought at Egyptian government expense to witness the ceremony, that President Anwar Sadat wanted Egypt's good intentions to be clear for all to see. The ceremony took on particular significance since it coincided with Prime Minister Begin's visit to the White House.

After the ceremony, the bodies were taken to the Abu Kbir pathological laboratory for identification.

Return of purged Chinese leader, Teng Hsiao-ping, seems imminent

TOKYO. — China's purged moderate leader Teng Hsiao-ping has been reinstated in all the Communist Party, government and military posts he once held, according to wall posters appearing in Peking yesterday.

The Kyodo News Service, in a dispatch from Peking, reported that the posters said: "We welcome the decision made by the Party Central Committee to reappoint comrade Teng Hsiao-ping as Party Vice-Chairman, Vice-Premier, Vice-Chairman of the Military Commission and Chief of the General Staff of the People's Liberation Army."

The Japanese report said the posters were put up on the wall of the Ministry of Economic Relations with Foreign Countries, and were signed by "the first and fourth bureaus of the ministry."

Sources in Peking said the Chinese

Communist Party's powerful Politburo was meeting secretly in the capital yesterday to pave the way for Teng's long-awaited return to power.

Teng, one of the half dozen most important figures in China during the 1949-1966 period, has been purged twice. The first time was during the cultural revolution, when he was castigated as a revisionist.

After reappearing in 1973, he assumed several of the country's most important functions until he was purged again in April 1976. The rehabilitation of the 78-year-old Teng, a pragmatist once groomed to succeed the late Premier Chou En-lai, has been expected since the downfall last October of a radical leadership headed by Chiang Ching, widow of the late Chinese Communist Party Chairman Mao Tse-tung, who died a month earlier. (AP, UPI)

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Record-breaking heat continues in U.S.

NEW YORK (Reuter). — Record-breaking heat enveloped North America yesterday, killing livestock, drying up swamps, buckling railway lines, and straining tempers throughout the nation.

The temperature in this sweltering city soared towards 100 degrees Fahrenheit (38 centigrade) again today — the seventh consecutive day above 90 F (32 C) and officials declared a water alert as pressure in the water supply system fell.

Sweden deports Japanese professor

STOCKHOLM (Reuter). — Sweden yesterday deported a 45-year-old Japanese university professor suspected of being a leading member of Japan's Red Army guerrilla movement.

Police said they suspected that Prof. Takemoto Takahashi came to Sweden to try to build up a guerrilla group after the arrest and deportation this year of two alleged members of the Baader-Meinhof group.

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Nazareth	53 21-32	31
Afula	52 23-34	32
Shomron	53 21-32	30
Tel Aviv	70 22-30	29
B-G Airport	32 21-32	31
Urrich	21 21-30	38
Gaza	73 24-29	29
Beersheba	45 20-36	34
Eilat	10 25-42	40
Tiran Straits	37 25-39	39

SOCIAL & PERSONAL

Interior Minister Yosef Burg yesterday met with the South African ambassador, Dr. Charles B.H. Fincham.

Professor Rafael Artzy, of the Haifa University Mathematics Department, has been appointed Dean of the Faculty of Social Sciences and Mathematical Sciences for a three-year term.

The Haifa Rotary Club will meet this evening at 8 p.m. at the Haifa Maritime Museum for a guided visit.

ARRIVALS

State of Israel Bonds Chicago Delegation, for a two week visit.

The UJA's National Young Leadership Family Mission, led by Gerald Flaxbaum.

Dr. Alvin Glasband, leading the UJA's Raritan Valley Mission.

DEPARTURES

World Wizo President Mrs. Raya Jaglom, for Geneva.

Doctors say Israel lacks anaesthesiologists

HAIFA (Itim). — There is a serious lack of anaesthesiologists in Israel, two Haifa doctors said in an article in the latest issue of *HaRefua*, the journal of the Israel Medical Association.

Dr. Gavriel Gurman of the Rothschild hospital and Dr. Esther Dvortzki from the anaesthesia department in Rambam hospital said there are only 200 anaesthesiologists in Israeli hospitals. This, they said, is barely enough for current needs in operating theatres in times of peace and there are not enough doctors for the other tasks anaesthesiologists must perform in modern medicine. They recommended that more medical students be encouraged to specialize in anaesthesiology.

Soldier held as suspect in Givatayim blaze

GIVATAYIM (Itim). — An IDF soldier — with singed eye-lashes and hair — has been arrested at his base in connection with the blaze and explosion which severely damaged a large apartment building here last week, police revealed yesterday.

Police said the arrest was made on the day after the blaze, starting from evidence provided by a young eyewitness who had taken the number of the car in which the arsonists are believed to have made their getaway. This led them to the owner of the car, who was held for questioning along with his brother and a soldier staying with them in their flat. The police learned that a third brother, currently doing his army service, may have been involved, and they contacted his base.

He was not at his base when the enquiry was made on the night of the blaze, but when he turned up the following day with scorched clothing and singed hair, the base commander called in the police. The suspect told the police that he had been beaten up and burned by four thugs — a story which they immediately discounted as it contradicted the story he had originally told his commander: that he had received the burns in a car accident.

Dayan applies diplomatic muzzle after Kidron's comments on new gov't

Foreign Minister Moshe Dayan has forbidden Israeli diplomats abroad to discuss or answer questions about domestic and political matters inside Israel.

This new "muzzle" policy emerged from Dayan's reply during question time in the Knesset yesterday to Abraham Sharir (Likud-Liberals) who asked about a "Guardian" report that London Ambassador Abraham Kidron predicted a short life for the new coalition.

The "Guardian" report, about a dinner given by the ambassador for

British MPs, with an off-the-record background briefing about developments in Israel, was denied by Kidron. Dayan said Kidron had in fact replied to a question about the coalition problem caused by the presence of religious parties.

Kidron also said that he was writing to the "Guardian" on the alleged misreporting. The Foreign Minister said he had sent a letter of reprimand to the ambassador in London and told him it was not his business to talk about domestic developments in Israel, and that he had exceeded his authority.

Flatto-Sharon studying Hebrew in bed

Jerusalem Post Political Reporter Knesset Member Samuel Flatto-Sharon will be able to follow the plenary debates as of Monday.

Yitzhak Berman, the Chairman of the Knesset House Committee, wrote the French- and Yiddish-speaking MK that he will be allowed to bring a translator, at his own expense, and hear a simultaneous translation through earphones.

The permit will be good for six months not including vacation time, Berman wrote.

Flatto-Sharon meanwhile dropped his request to be allowed to address the chamber in French. He told *The Post* he will have a prepared text in

which the Hebrew words will be written in Latin script.

Meanwhile he is busily studying Hebrew. He hired two teachers and studies from seven to nine o'clock every morning. He also invested IL6,000 in a tape-recorded course: Flatto-Sharon inserts the earphone before going to sleep and for twenty minutes the recording works on his subconscious. The machine turns off automatically. His aide said it is an effective system.

Asked in Hebrew how he was managing, he replied with an error: *hob'ed shlosha hodesh* (instead of *hob'ed shlosha yehyeh beeder*). (It will be OK in three months.)

Students meet Hammer

A group of Israeli students who planned to study medicine in Italy before the Italian government banned all new foreign students two weeks ago, on Sunday met Education Minister Zevulun Hammer to discuss possibilities of study in Israel.

Australian MPs visit Knesset

Jerusalem Post Knesset Reporter The Australian Minister for the Capital Territory, Anthony Staley, said yesterday that one prerequisite for a Middle East arrangement was that the Arab states in general and the Palestine Liberation Organization in particular recognize Israel's right to exist.

Staley, who heads a five-man fact-finding delegation of the Australian Federal Parliament visiting the Middle East, said that such recognition should lead to a peace involving full diplomatic relations, open borders, tourism, trade and so forth. He spoke in the Knesset yesterday at a luncheon given in his honour by Speaker Yitzhak Mordechai.

Australia felt that the Palestinian people had a legitimate right to a homeland alongside Israel, he said, but its form should be a matter for the parties directly concerned to decide.

Staley said that trade between Australia and Israel could be expected to grow. Australia wanted to redress the adverse balance.

He said that the historical links with Israel were close despite the geographical remoteness. He invited Speaker Shamir to visit Australia soon at the head of a Knesset delegation. Israel and Australia were among the minority of countries on the globe which practised democracy as a way of government and a way of life, Staley said. They could fit best into mutual technical cooperation as well.

The Australian Ambassador to Israel, Richard Smith, also attended the luncheon. Speaker Shamir welcomed the delegation from the rostrum at the opening of the Knesset's afternoon session.

Likud faction split on villagers' return

Jerusalem Post Political Reporter Leaders of the eight-man Likud faction in the Likud were divided yesterday on whether the former residents of Dirit and Bir'im should be allowed to return to their village which was evacuated in 1948 and 1949 under IDF orders.

The Likud Liberal factions in the Likud advocated permitting these Arab villagers to return to their former homes near the Lebanese border.

The Knesset is expected to discuss the issue shortly.

La'am leader, Industry Minister Yigael Yadin, told *The Jerusalem Post* that if the faction members will want to vote contrary to the majority in the Likud, he will request permission to allow each member to vote according to his conscience.

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CIVIL DEFENCE drills will be held today in the Lod and Zichron Ya'acov areas and tomorrow in Rosh Ha'ayin. During the exercises civil defence wardens will be in action handling staged incidents, fires and rescue operations. The public is requested to obey civil defence and police orders.

HIGH TIDE. — Police and holidaymakers yesterday recovered almost two tons of hashish worth 2.5m. guilders (IL5.5m.) washed up on Dutch beaches.



Kenneth Kring, of Stanford University, California, who won the decathlon yesterday with 6,889 points. He was followed by Moshe Hirsch, of Israel, with 6,332 points. (Lester Millman)

Australians sprint ahead

By PAUL KOHN
Jerusalem Post Reporter

TEL AVIV. — History repeated itself in Maccabiah track and field events at the Ramat Gan stadium last night when Australians Len Bogatin and Alan Preiss won the gold and silver medals in the 400 metres.

It was the same two runners who fought out the same event at the 9th Maccabiah four years ago. Bogatin last night timed 49.25 seconds with Preiss clocking 49.30. Two Americans followed the Australians home.

Esther Roth set a new Maccabiah record time in the 100m hurdles which she won with ease in 15.30 sec. This was her third individual gold medal in the games.

Ruth Zilshenko of Netanya set a new Maccabiah record in the high jump clearing 1.75 m. Another Maccabiah record was set in the 1,500 m. by Zahava Shmueli, with a time of 4:29.4 mins. Joe Gould of the U.S. won the javelin with a throw of 71m. Garry Cohen of New Jersey won the 5,000m. from Yair Karni and Yuval Vishnitzer, both of Israel, with Americans in 4th and 5th places. Cohen timed 14:26.66 mins. Steve Cohenberg of the University of Oklahoma won the pole vault, setting a Maccabiah record of 4.50m.

Shaul Ladany of Beersheba won the 50km. walk by the proverbial mile, in 4 hours 29 minutes and 34 seconds, compensating him for his disqualification in the 3,000m. walk on Sunday.

Likud and DMC reach virtual accord on social issues

Jerusalem Post Political Reporter

The Likud and the Democratic Movement for Change were yesterday on the verge of an agreement on social and economic issues.

The National Religious Party, a member of the Government coalition, yesterday boycotted the Likud meeting because its demand that it participate in the subcommittee discussing electoral reform was rejected.

Prof. Yigael Yadin of the DMC told reporters that examination of the social and economic planks of the two parties revealed close similarity. But the parties had yet to clarify the powers of the deputy minister who will be responsible for social welfare.

The Likud's Zalmay Shoval said the only differences were those in nuance or emphasis. However, the parties still had to reach agreement on how the funds for social betterment would be allocated, he said.

The parties agreed that government subsidies should be paid to the "consumer" — meaning "the needy" — according to a senior Likud source. At present government subsidies reduce the price of the commodity in question, thus also benefiting the well-to-do.

The two parties also agreed that a national health insurance scheme should be introduced immediately, and that workers' wages should rise in proportion to increased efficiency and productivity.

BELT-TIGHTENING

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Department heads had not yet checked to see where cuts should be made, so it was impossible to describe anything as marginal.

Avraham Malamed (NRP) praised the Likud — with tongue in cheek — for having dropped its traditional demand to increase defence budgets. The subsidies should have been cut a long time ago, Malamed said. In any case, only one-fifth of the total subsidies' budget went to the needy. The rest was enjoyed by the well-to-do. This was the height of the absurd, he said.

Yigael Cohen-Orgad (Likud-Herut) said that bus fares should not be increased, because unlike other subsidies they gave maximum benefit to the low-income families and not the wealthy.

He said it was hypocritical for the Alignment to claim credit now for a moderate rise in prices in the first half of the year when this had only been done by increasing subsidies and endangering the foreign currency reserves.

Chalka Grossman (Alignment-Mapam) warned that the new measures would make prices rise 12 per cent and not 5 per cent. The Likud had broken all its promises to reduce inflation and foster development, she said.

Mapam did not want the workers to get welfare handouts in place of an honest return for their labours, she said. The Alignment would campaign for a review of the cost-of-living system with increments to be paid every three months, she said.

Meir Wilner (Democratic Front for Peace and Equality) said the government was robbing the poor to make the rich still richer. The nation's economic problems would not be solved and the economic catastrophe would not be averted, as long as the government's foreign and security policies made it necessary to spend so much on defence, he said.

Opening the debate, Gad Ya'acobi (Alignment-Labour) charged that the economic and fiscal measures were both scrappy and erroneous in intent. They failed to tackle the country's basic economic problems. They would neither slow down inflation nor improve the balance of payments, nor speed up economic development. They would probably cause pickets of unemployment, he said. They could also hamper national security at a time when the nation had to be on top alert.

Avraham Sharir (Likud-Liberals) praised the minister for having cut the budget selectively, and not across the board. The Labour government had been paralysed and impotent during the past few months before the elections, especially as far as subsidies were concerned.

Sharir said it was high time that forceful measures were taken to make sure every one paid income tax.

Amnon Rubinstein (DMC) praised the new government's readiness in principle to consider cuts in the defence budget. Now the defence establishment would have a chance to scrutinize itself, to save and to increase efficiency. However, he warned, real defensive capacity must not be impaired.

Shlomo Lorincz (Aguda) said that any and every government would have carried out the same measures.

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Americans dominating all Maccabiah tennis

By JACK LEON
Jerusalem Post Sports Reporter

RAMAT HASHARON. — American players completely dominated the 10th Maccabiah tennis championships here yesterday, winning the first three gold medals and going a long way to making a clean sweep of all the top honours.

At the 1973 games, South Africa won all eight golds at stake and their dramatic decline this time is all the more disappointing since they are being contested at the Maccabiah.

While Americans Steve Krulovitz and Larry Nagler were cruising through their semi-finals against leading Israelis Yair Wertheimer and Shomo Glickstein, unseeded 17-year-old Dana Gilbert was beating fifth-seeded Stacy Margolin, 18, in a scintillating last round between the two Californian friends and doubles partners. In the girls' 18-and-under rankings in the U.S., Margolin is placed eighth, while Gilbert is six places lower, and in some half-dozen previous contests between them Margolin has always won in straight sets.

But in yesterday's game Gilbert showed exemplary court-craft as she hit two-forehand backhands from corner to corner and usually had the edge in some glorious long rallies. Some 3,000 people saw yesterday's game, the biggest crowd ever to watch tennis in Israel. Margolin, a junior Wightman Cup player, tried in vain to break up her opponent's ruthlessly efficient game.

Top-seeded Krulovitz, 26, who is currently ranked 19th in the U.S. and reached the third round at Wimbledon last year, disposed of fourth seeded Wertheimer 6-0, 6-3, with an impressive display of all-court tennis which combined power and touch and featured some breathtaking passing shots that left the luckless Israeli champion flat-footed.

Glickstein — the local No. 2 and seeded sixth here — was even more outplayed by the unseeded 37-year-old Nagler, going down 6-1, 6-0 to the

tournament's classic "dark horse," whose best tennis was played some 15 years ago, when he was American inter-collegiate champion and ranked No. 8 in the U.S.

Nagler, who reeled off 12 games in a row after the Israeli had taken the opener, later told *The Jerusalem Post* that he felt he had a chance against the highly-rated Krulovitz in today's final. "It's a case of my having nothing to lose, and all the pressure will be on Krulovitz," he commented. Nagler added that he was playing his best tennis for years and had been astonished by the ease of his victory over Glickstein.

The host-country again ended on the losing end to the U.S. yesterday evening, when Peter Rennert and Joel Ross looked sharp as they defeated Haim Ariosoroff and Reuven Porges 6-3, 6-4 in the men's doubles final. Nevertheless, it was a fine achievement for the young Israeli pair to reach the last round and Ariosoroff especially was in fine form in the final.

To complete the Americans' cup of joy and add to South Africa's discomfort, last night Margolin and her compatriot Rennert took the mixed doubles crown, with a 6-3, 7-5 success against South Africa's former Maccabiah champion Ilana Kloos and Graham Silverman. The South Africans made a desperate attempt to stay in the match in the tie-break, coming back from 5-4 to 6 before succumbing 5-7.

The championships wind up today with women's doubles final at 2.30 p.m.

Gold medal for Israel handballers

Jerusalem Post Reporter

TEL AVIV. — Israel last night won the gold medal in handball beating France 25:11 in the final at the Yad Eliahu sports palace.

The final at volleyball between Israel and Brazil was still in progress at a late hour.

Israel has also reached the final at Maccabiah Soccer and will face Holland at the Petah Tikva ground at 4.30 p.m. today. Basketball semi-final games were still under way in Haifa

late last night. Israel and the U.S. looked almost certain finalists at Yad Eliahu at 8.30 tonight.

At soccer yesterday Holland beat Brazil yesterday 1:0 in extra time. After the score was 0:0 after 90 minutes of play, Simon Cohen scored Holland's goal in the 100th minute. Israel beat South Africa 3:1. Israel's goals were scored by Gad Machnes, Eli Cohen and Amir Lieberman, with Avraham Schneek scoring for the South Africans in the 54th minute.

Britain, South Africa win golf golds

CAESAREA. — In a nail-biting finish in both team and individual Maccabiah golf competitions, Britain and South Africa won the gold medals here Monday.

The team event was won by Britain, who came from behind to pip South Africa by one stroke, 1210 to 1211, with the U.S., which led for three rounds, only in third place with 1214. Israel finished 4th with a 1234 score, after four days of play.

Schwyn Nathan of South Africa won the gold medal in the individual event, winning by one stroke from Neville Chesson of Britain. Both had a last round of 75 yesterday, and played with 297 and 298 respectively. Bettering them yesterday was Martin of Britain, with a 72 last round which won him a bronze medal with a final score of 28. Barry Mandel was 4th with 300, as Laurie Beien 6th, with 302.

Israel certain of victory in bridge

By GEORGE LEVINER
Jerusalem Post Reporter

TEL AVIV. — Israel made certain of securing first place in the Maccabiah bridge championship when it beat France in the penultimate round of the competition being played at the B'nei Brith Hall here.

The thirteenth and final round was played last night, and although results were not known at press time, second-placed U.S. had no chance of catching the home team.

Results of yesterday's twelfth round, with score in victory points: Israel 18, France 4; U.S. 17, Peru 1; Canada 11, South Africa 9; Mexico 15, Sweden 8; Great Britain 11 (bye game); South Africa (ladies) 11 (bye game); Holland 12 (bye game).

The overall rankings at the end of the 12th round: Israel 181, U.S. 17, South Africa 164, France 157, Great Britain 124, Holland and Canada 12, South Africa (ladies) 118, Australia 106, Peru 55, Sweden 51, Mexico 47.

TODAY'S PROGRAMME

BASEBALL — Sports Palace: YAD ELIAHU: 09:00 — Final for places 9 — 10; 11:00 — Final for places 7 — 8; 16:30 — Final for places 3 — 4; 20:30 — Final for places 1 — 2; 22:30 — CLOSING CEREMONY.

CRICKET — Wingate Institute: 09:00 — Australia vs. South Africa.

FENCING — Wingate Institute: 09:00 — Men — team — epee (heats); 19:00 — Men — team — epee (Final).

FOOTBALL — 10:00 — Finals for places 7 — 8 — Hapoel Yehudi 10:00 — Finals for places 5-6 — Maccabi Nes Ziona; 10:00 — Finals for places 3 — 4 — Hapoel Petah Tikva; 18:30 — Finals for places 1 — 2 — Hapoel Petah Tikva.

KARATE — Sports Stadium Holon: 10:00 — Individual Competition (5 weights); 15:00 — Individual Competition (5 weights); 19:30 — Open Category — FINAL (all stages); 20:30 — Closing Ceremony (distribution of medals & prizes).

LAWN BOWLS — 09:30 — Men — singles; 10:30 — Men — doubles; 11:30 — Ladies — singles; 12:30 — Ladies — doubles; 13:30 — Ladies — pairs; 14:30 — Ladies — pairs; 15:30 — Ladies — pairs; 16:30 — Ladies — pairs; 17:30 — Ladies — pairs; 18:30 — Ladies — pairs; 19:30 — Ladies — pairs; 20:30 — Ladies — pairs; 21:30 — Ladies — pairs; 22:30 — Ladies — pairs; 23:30 — Ladies — pairs; 24:30 — Ladies — pairs; 25:30 — Ladies — pairs; 26:30 — Ladies — pairs; 27:30 — Ladies — pairs; 28:30 — Ladies — pairs; 29:30 — Ladies — pairs; 30:30 — Ladies — pairs; 31:30 — Ladies — pairs; 32:30 — Ladies — pairs; 33:30 — Ladies — pairs; 34:30 — Ladies — pairs; 35:30 — Ladies — pairs; 36:30 — Ladies — pairs; 37:30 — Ladies — pairs; 38:30 — Ladies — pairs; 39:30 — Ladies — pairs; 40:30 — Ladies — pairs; 41:30 — Ladies — pairs; 42:30 — Ladies — pairs; 43:30 — Ladies — pairs; 44:30 — Ladies — pairs; 45:30 — Ladies — pairs; 46:30 — Ladies — pairs; 47:30 — Ladies — pairs; 48:30 — Ladies — pairs; 49:30 — Ladies — pairs; 50:30 — Ladies — pairs; 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Nahman Farkas comes 'back from the dead'

SAFED (Itim). — Three policemen called out to investigate a corpse discovered on a hillside near here on Monday night found that the object of their investigation was none other than Nahman Farkas, alive and well and sound asleep — with a quantity of what is believed to be hashish on his person.

The police were alerted by two local hunters, who came across the "corpse" while hunting in the hills off the Acre-Safed road, near Kfar Shamai. They immediately dispatched a jeep to the site — and so unprepared were they to find the country's most celebrated "escape artist," who had been on the loose since breaking out of the Safed lock-

up six weeks ago, that the three policemen did not have a single pair of handcuffs among them.

The two hunters were waiting for them just off the road, and guided them to the "corpse." But as the policemen drew near, it suddenly leapt to its feet and made off. The policemen gave chase, and soon had their man. In the absence of handcuffs, they used the cords from their whistles to bind the prisoner.

Farkas, who has escaped from lock-ups and prisons several times in the past, will be brought before the Magistrate's Court here today to face charges of growing hashish and escaping while in legal detention.

Activist sent to Siberia on day before marriage

By SARAH HONIG
Jerusalem Post Reporter

TEL AVIV. — The Soviet authorities expelled Prisoner of Zion Yosef Begun to Siberia just one day before the marriage he had planned with prison permission in jail, it was reliably learned here yesterday.

Begun, who was sentenced to two years on the charge of "parasitism," had asked that he be allowed to marry his fiancée Ella Drogova in the Moscow jail where he was held after his trial. The two filled out all the proper forms and were told they would be allowed to wed on July 4.

When Miss Drogova arrived at the prison early on July 4, however, she was told that Begun was not there. After inquiring further she was finally informed that he was transported to Siberia the day before.

Begun's medical condition is said to be very serious as he is still continuing the hunger strike which he began over 100 days ago. He is being force-fed and drinks water, but he still does not receive sufficient nourishment. On the long trip to Siberia, he is said to be accompanied

by a doctor because of his frail condition.

Begun was arrested by the KGB at the height of last winter's anti-Semitic drive. He had been dismissed from his job after he applied to go to Israel, and the authorities charged him with being a "parasite" because he was unemployed. Begun, nevertheless, denied that he was not working and pointed to the fact that he was teaching Hebrew. This, however, was not considered by the court to constitute gainful employment.

From Leningrad it is reported that the only Hebrew teacher in that city with an official permit to teach the language, Lev Furman, was imprisoned for 10 days on July 15. According to the report, KGB agents burst into Furman's flat just as he was giving a lesson, and after going through the papers of all the students they arrested the teacher.

He was sentenced to 10 days on a charge of "disobedience." Furman's aged father was likewise jailed for 10 days several months ago on a charge of disturbing the peace.



"I'm glad I returned, especially to the scene of the tragedy. I've simply conquered my fears." That was the reaction of De Jean Repleg, an American who lost a leg in a terrorist attack on a pilgrims' tourist bus in December of 1974. She is seen here purchasing a string of beads from an Arab youth at Bethany in Asariya, which was the scene of the incident. (Weiss)

Zionist Congress set for February

The 29th Zionist Congress will open in Jerusalem on February 20 and continue for nine days — the Zionist Executive decided on Monday.

The congress, which was postponed from its original date last January so that elections for delegates could take place democratically around the world, will mark the 80th year of Israel's independence and 80 years since the

First Zionist Congress in Basle.

The Zionist Executive decided to appoint a committee to fix the congress agenda. A new Zionist Executive chairman will be elected to succeed Yosef Almog.

AN EL AL cargo jumbo left for Teheran yesterday with a load of 100 tons of eggs, part of an 800-ton shipment which Israel has sold to Iran.



Finance Minister Simha Ehrlich (right) enjoying breakfast in a Moslem Quarter restaurant yesterday morning during a tour of Jerusalem with Mayor Teddy Kollek, seen offering him a pitta. The minister was shown projects in which large amounts of state funds are being invested, such as

the Old City's infrastructure, the Mamilla redevelopment area and new neighbourhoods. The purpose of the two-hour tour, which got underway at 7 a.m., was to acquaint the new minister with some of the city's problems. (Rahamim Yisraeli)

Abuhatzzeira's cousin in Morocco 'to set up visit'

ASHKELON (Itim). — Deputy Mayor of Ashkelon Baruch Abuhatzzeira, who has been missing along with Mayor Aharon Halby for the past two weeks, revealed yesterday that he is in Morocco and will be meeting King Hassan today with the intention of arranging a visit to the Arab kingdom for his cousin, Religious Affairs Minister Aharon Abuhatzzeira.

Abuhatzzeira telephoned Acting Mayor Yosef Shoshana yesterday, from Morocco by way of Paris, telling him of his planned meeting with King Hassan and promising to be back in Ashkelon by next Monday. The missing mayor, who disappeared two weeks ago and is wanted by the police in connection with his receipt of an allegedly forged cheque for IL160,000 from the Mizrah Loan Society, also revealed his whereabouts, on Monday. In a telephone call to his wife from New York, Halby explained that he had been undergoing medical treatment and would do his best to be back in Israel by the end of the week.

Mrs. Halby told Acting Mayor Shoshana that her husband had been under medical care the whole time he was away, and knew nothing of the furor his disappearance had caused in the city. When he left Ashkelon two weeks ago, he had said that he was going abroad on a Jewish Agency mission. He did not reveal his destination, but this was believed to be New York.

Mental patients' rights discussed in Knesset

Jerusalem Post Knesset Reporter
The Health Ministry's district psychiatrist would be obliged to notify the Custodian-General in cases where a mental patient has sufficiently recovered from his mental disability to resume responsibility for his own property, under an amendment to the Mental Patients Treatment Law which began its first reading yesterday.

Under the present law, the district psychiatrist's only obligation is to notify the Custodian-General that a mental patient has fallen ill and that his property requires custodianship.

Arbeli angry at Patt over Golan statement

Jerusalem Post Knesset Reporter
Labour's Shoshana Arbeli is up in arms at Construction and Housing Minister Gideon Patt for a remark he allegedly made last week about possible withdrawals from some Golan settlements, in the context of an arrangement with Syria.

Arbeli yesterday demanded a debate on an urgent motion for the agenda about Patt's alleged remark. In the presidium, the Cabinet's liaison with the Knesset, Health Minister Eliezer Shostak, said that as far as he knew, Patt had been misquoted.

Arbeli said that if Patt formally denied the report, she would withdraw her motion. If not, she would demand next week that it be accorded urgency once again.

Safad marks 405 years since the Ari's death

Jerusalem Post Knesset Reporter
SAFAD. — Hundreds of Hasidim from all parts of the country, pilgrims, and tourists came yesterday afternoon and evening to Safad and Merom. The occasion was the 405th anniversary of the death of the famous kabbalist, Rabbi Isaac Luria, known as the Ari.

Many Hasidim immersed themselves in the mikveh of the Ari, which is located in the lower western part of the Old City of Safad, and said special prayers at his grave in the Old Cemetery.

Druse want access to all army branches
Druse leaders yesterday demanded of Deputy Defence Minister Mordechai Tzipori to exert his influence on the army so that Druse recruits would be able to enlist into all branches of the Israel Defence Forces.

The leaders addressed their demands to Tzipori while the deputy minister was touring Druse villages in Galilee. They said that the Druse have proved their loyalty in the state "in blood" and demand equal treatment.

Talking about education, the Druse leaders said they were not pleased with the curriculum in Druse state schools. They said they preferred Druse youth to study the Jewish curriculum — except for subjects of religion and culture — and not the Moslem-orientated minorities curriculum.

Knesset committees to meet in Jerusalem

Jerusalem Post Knesset Reporter
There is not a parliament in the world which holds committee sessions outside its capital, Knesset Speaker Yitzhak Shamir said yesterday.

Summing up a series of organizational discussions with the committee chairmen, Shamir said he would not allow committees to meet outside Jerusalem without special permission from the House Committee. "Whatever happens, this must not be at the expense of their parliamentary work," Shamir said.

The regular Wednesday session may in the future start at 1 p.m. instead of at eleven a.m., in order to leave enough time for committee meetings in the morning.

BANK OF ISRAEL GOVERNOR: Subsidy cuts were needed

Jerusalem Post Reporter

Bank of Israel Governor Arnon Gafny said yesterday that he would have preferred cutting social services rather than subsidies. Nevertheless, he said, the cuts had become inevitable because the budget for subsidies had not been changed since November 1976.

Gafny, who spoke on the Army Radio's "Crossfire" programme, added that development budgets should not be cut any further. The prices of subsidized products, he said, should in the future be raised in line with devaluations and changes in foreign prices. The governor also said the Bank of Israel would cut directed credits for all but first-priority purposes.

According to Gafny, the real budget cut involved in the measures taken Sunday by the Treasury amounts to IL1.9b. He said he hoped the Treasury would stay within the limits it had set for itself and would neither submit a supplementary budget nor infuse more money into the economy.

If the mini-devaluations are kept up and no further deficit financing is resorted to, Gafny said, he expects a growth rate of 4.5 per cent a year over the next two years. That growth, he believes, will come from exports, which he expects will increase by 10 per cent a year, with industrial exports growing by 28 per cent.

The immediate target of economic policy should be slowing down inflation, and Gafny believes that the government's latest measures will hold back inflationary pressures to an extent that will outweigh the immediate price inflation caused by them. Gafny's prediction presupposes a freeze on real wages in the next two years — otherwise growth and exports would be held back.

He added that the present system of cost-of-living allowances, under which only 70 per cent of the price inflation are taken into account, was adequate for inflation rates below 30 per cent. Above that rate, he said, the system should be re-examined.

Foreign Ministry appointments

POST Diplomatic Correspondent

The Foreign Ministry yesterday announced a number of new appointments involving three senior posts.

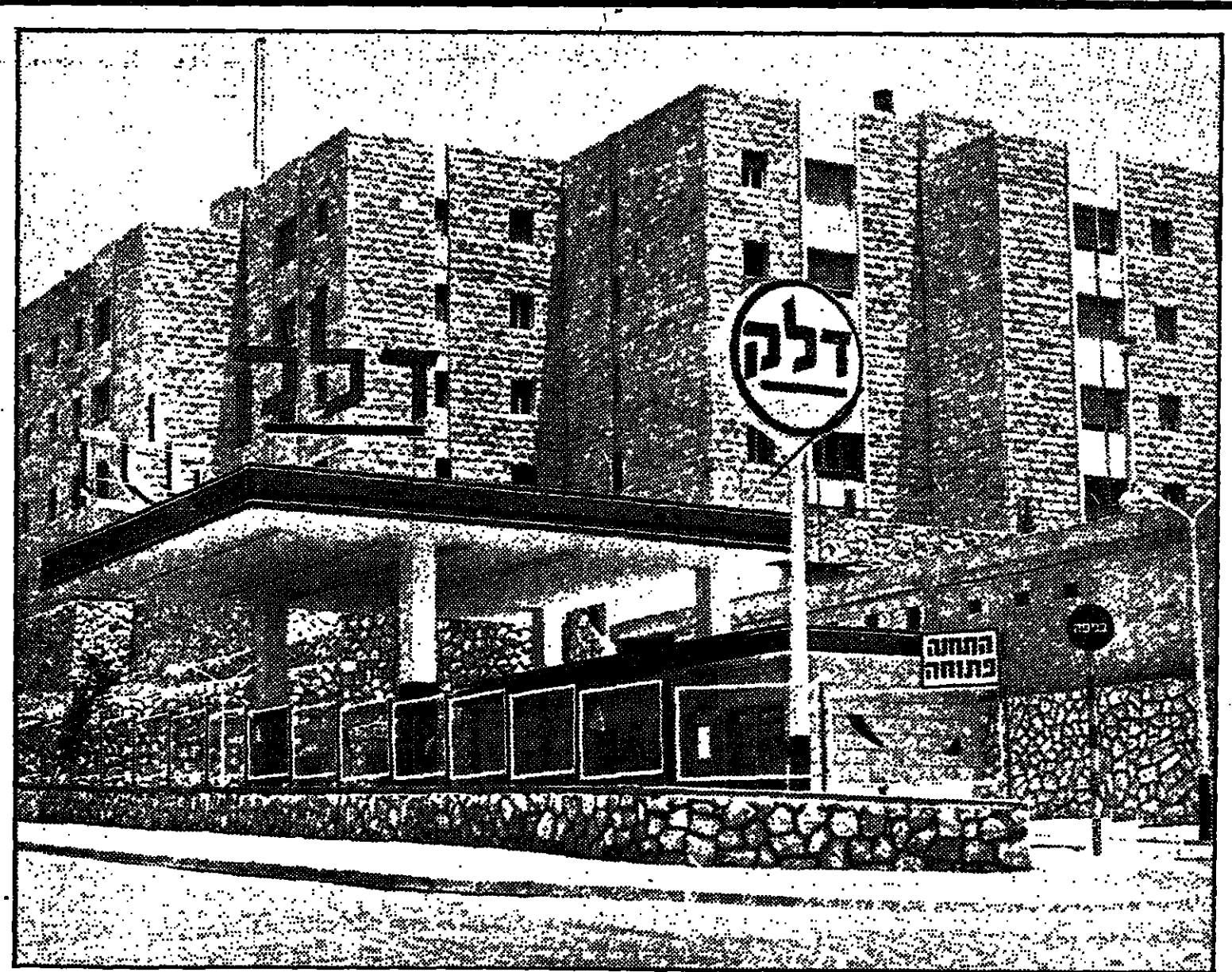
Moshe Arad was named assistant Director General in charge of the Information Division at the ministry. He replaces Shlomo Argov who has taken over as ambassador at The Hague.

Arad has been with the Foreign Ministry since 1962. A jurist by profession, he was lent to the Ministry of Justice between 1964 and 1968. His Foreign Ministry posts included that of press counselor in

London, Deputy Consul General in New York and Minister counselor in charge of information at the embassy in Washington.

Arad has been recently serving as head of the Foreign Ministry Director General bureau. He will be replaced there by Zeev Sufot, now a counselor in London.

The third appointment will bring Shaul Ramati, the ambassador to Tokyo, home to take over the Department for the Diaspora at the Foreign Ministry. The latter is expected to coordinate his activity with Yehuda Avner, the Prime Minister's advisor on diaspora affairs.



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Ethiopian rebels claim destruction of planes, airport

NAIROBI. — Somali-backed secessionist guerrillas in south Ethiopia yesterday claimed they had destroyed nine military aircraft and severely damaged factories and a telecommunications centre in a major attack on the vital Ethiopian railroad city of Dire Dawa last week.

The Western Somali Liberation Front (WSLF) claimed in a communiqué issued in the Somali capital of Mogadishu that Dire Dawa's airport was also extensively damaged during "bitter fighting" with Ethiopian forces in and around the city on Friday. It also claimed a military aircraft was shot down and that the runway, a fuel depot and a hangar were damaged.

The WSLF also claimed that Ethiopian troops have been withdrawn from five posts along the border with Somalia because of the current guerrilla offensive in Ethiopia's Ogaden province.

The guerrillas are fighting to make Ogaden part of ethnically Arab Somalia, which claims the semi-desert region and provides weapons, training facilities and political backing for the WSLF. Ethiopia's military regime has not officially acknowledged the attack, but diplomatic sources in Addis Ababa report that Ethiopian troops were involved in a series of fierce clashes with guerrillas in and around Dire Dawa late last week.

Dire Dawa is vitally important to the Ethiopian regime because it guards the railroad from Addis Ababa to Djibouti which is the outlet for 80 per cent of Ethiopia's trade. The importance of the Djibouti rail link for the Ethiopian regime increases as the Eritrean rebels press harder on Ethiopia's only other outlet to the sea, Asmara.

Diplomatic observers in Somalia and Ethiopia fear that the two nations may be drawn into a full-

scale conflict over Ogaden and Ethiopia's need to keep the railroad open.

The WSLF says that since it blew up the railroad in three places last month the Ethiopians have been unable to reopen it. The WSLF claimed 160 Ethiopian troops were killed in the Dire Dawa battle. It gave no details of its own casualties. Both sides are reportedly building up their forces in preparation for a showdown in the region.

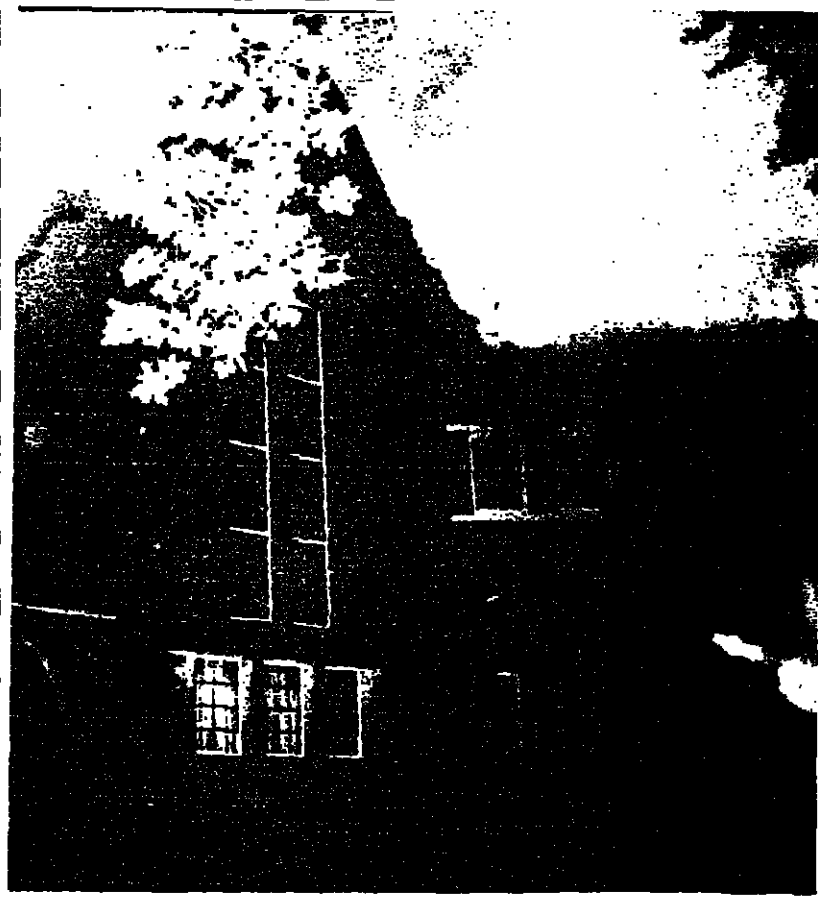
The Front claims to control more than 60 per cent of Ogaden, which accounts for nearly one-third of Ethiopia's territory. Its people are mainly nomads of Somali ethnic origin.

The only official Ethiopian mention of the battles in the area came in an Ethiopian news agency report that Swedish pilot Count Gustaf von Rosen, 67, was shot last Wednesday by regular Somali soldiers who had infiltrated Harar province, near Ogaden.

The veteran pilot, who helped Biafra during the Nigerian civil war, was often involved in conflicts and gained a reputation for favouring the weaker side. He had helped Ethiopia against Italy in 1935, Finland against the Soviet Union in 1939 and in 1940 and was active in the Congo, now Zaire, in 1960.

The news agency said in a despatch sent to Reuters that thousands of people attended the funeral services at the Mekana Yesus Church in the centre of Addis Ababa, including cabinet ministers, senior government officials, military officers and staff of the Relief and Rehabilitation Commission the count headed.

The Swedish Foreign Ministry said last week the count was killed in an attack on a southeastern Ethiopian town where he had flown to discuss nomadic settlement. (AP, Reuters)



Dutch police announced that a 53-year-old man whom they identified only as G.P. van S. turned himself in yesterday, claiming responsibility for starting this fire at the country home of Pieter Menten, millionaire art collector who is currently being tried for alleged war crimes as a Nazi SS officer. Police said the suspect described in detail how he firebombed the 20-room mansion, which resulted in damage estimated at 1.5m. guilders (about \$1.5m.), excluding losses in the art collection. They said the man was a survivor of the Dachau concentration camp, had undergone psychiatric treatment, and two years ago had tried to set fire to a Dutch publishing house which had intended to print a new edition of Adolf Hitler's "Mein Kampf."

(AP radiophoto)

Beirut paper says U.S. and PLO holding secret talks

BEIRUT (AP). — U.S. President Jimmy Carter's administration and the leadership of the PLO are involved in secret high-level contacts, the Beirut newspaper "Al-Anwar" reported yesterday.

The paper said Crown Prince Fahd of Saudi Arabia carried the Arafat note to Carter when he visited Washington in May.

The note outlined Arafat's vision of the PLO role in resumed Arab-Israeli peace negotiations at Geneva, his concept of a Palestinian state and peace treaties with Israel, "Al-Anwar" said.

The paper, which has close ties to the Saudi royal family, said the Carter administration delegated

former Pennsylvania Governor William Scranton to meet in London June 24 with the PLO's UN representative, Basil Akl.

Scranton reportedly sought "explanations and clarifications on some issues contained in the Arafat note that interested the American president," Akl said.

In Washington, the State Department acknowledged yesterday that Scranton had met with a representative of the PLO recently but said he wasn't acting on behalf of the government. It said Scranton conferred with Assistant Secretary of State Roy Atherton before and after his meeting.

Red Chinese defector to Taiwan tells of 'misery' on the mainland

TAIPEI (UPI). — A newly defected Communist Chinese Mig-19 pilot said on Monday that the Peking regime is now pushing a policy which people on the China mainland know is totally against the revolutionary teachings of the late Chairman Mao Tse-tung.

Fan Yuan-yen, a former squadron leader in the Communist Air Force who flew his Mig-19 to Taiwan on July 1, also said in an exclusive interview with UPI that he was surprised that foreigners know so little of the "miserable life" the Chinese are leading under Communist rule.

Fan, 41, smartly dressed in a uniform of the Nationalist Chinese Air Force into which he was commissioned as a lieutenant-colonel last Friday, said the Peking regime changes its policies so often and so extremely that the people are usually confused.

"Right now," he said, "the people there are being taught to increase their production in whatever field they are working."

He said the mainland Chinese all remember that "the theory of production first" was condemned as "the road to capitalism" in the past both under Mao's rule and later under the influence of the "Gang of Four" led by Mao's widow, Chiang Ching.

But he said in the last political classes he attended, commissars said that this was no longer right. He said all the factories have been ordered to set new goals of production and to meet these goals.

When questioned about Mao's teachings, the commissars would tell them that revolution and class struggle were placed above production because Mao's teachings had been "distorted."

He said the same policy is also being carried out in the military, noting that while military commanders used to attach primary importance to revolutionary activities, the commanders are now doing all they can to change this attitude.

Fan said he does not really know, but he suspects a new food shortage



The Communist Chinese pilot, Fan Yuan-yen, who defected to Taiwan with his Mig-19 jet earlier this month, greeting newsmen in Taipei last Friday. (UPI telephone)

New York underworld's grisly jigsaw puzzle

NEW YORK (Reuters). — Police and doctors here face a macabre jigsaw puzzle — piecing together parts of dismembered bodies found floating in New York's East River over the past three months.

The remains found floating in boxes and sacks may come from seven or eight corpses and, according to police, are probably the result of underworld gang killings.

Police recently identified a torso from which the head, arms and legs had been sawn off as the remains of Charles "Rudy" Stein, reputed to be the leading loan shark of the New York underworld.

Chief medical examiner Dominick Dimas said one of the corpses not yet identified had been cut up with the same saw used on Stein.

Other remains fished from the

Prison riots spread across Spain

MADRID (AP). — Prison riots spread from Madrid to two more large Spanish cities yesterday. Police firing rubber bullets and hurling smoke grenades attempted to subdue 650 convicts demanding amnesty and better prison conditions.

The revolts began on Monday afternoon at Spain's largest prison, Carabanchel, on the outskirts of Madrid, when an estimated 350 convicts climbed to the roofs by using bedclothes as ropes. They remained there overnight as police reinforcements cordoned off the area.

The prisoners were demanding amnesty for some inmates and better conditions for all prisoners who remained in jail.

Three hundred inmates at Cadix, near Spain's southern tip, and at Valladolid, 160 kilometres northwest of Madrid, revolted yesterday morning in support of the Carabanchel mutiny. Riot squads closed off those prison areas as well.

The mutiny came in Madrid's hottest weather this summer with temperatures reaching 35 degrees. Police said the rioters had carried drinking water to the roofs.

At Carabanchel, police helicopters hovered over the prison at dawn. Witnesses said they were dropping smoke bombs. They said they heard bursts of fire as police tried to drive the inmates back to their cells. The convicts, some of them brandishing iron bars, retaliated by throwing

bricks torn from the walls. Police and Justice Ministry officials would not comment on the mutinies.

The witnesses said the area near Carabanchel at times was engulfed by smoke from grenades and that shouts demanding medical care were heard distinctly from the prison.

Prisoner spokesmen said nine inmates were injured by rubber bullets and smoke bombs. A spokesman for the Carabanchel rioters, who include nearly half the prisoners there, shouted from the roof that they would resist until either Premier Adolfo Suarez or his delegate came to hear their demands.

Spaniard leaves cellar after 38 years

MADRID (UPI). — Some of his neighbours thought Protasio Montalvo Martin had fled to France. Others said he was living in Brazil, and others said he was long ago dead.

But the white-haired 77-year-old Spaniard appeared on the street on Sunday in his hometown of Cercedilla after hiding for 38 years in the cellar of his family home.

Montalvo served during the 1936-39 civil war as a Socialist mayor of Cercedilla, a resort town of 2,500 inhabitants in the mountains north of Madrid. As the right-wing forces of the late Gen. Francisco Franco swept to victory, he took refuge in his basement.

"I did it because of fear," he told reporters, dark glasses shielding his eyes from the bright sun. "because I had a lot of enemies in such a fascist town as Cercedilla."

Montalvo, who was cared for by his wife and four children, said he decided it was the right moment to come out of hiding. "Now that we have a democratically-elected Cortes (parliament)."

The release has become an immediate national celebrity and was interviewed on Monday on Spanish television.

Montalvo said that although he lived in the basement, he came up into the house to help his wife with the household when no one was nearby. "I watched the rabbits and the birds and I could tell when someone was coming and I would jump back down into the cellar," he said.

He was leaders of the local Socialist Party, including one of his sons, who finally convinced the hermit that it was time to rejoin normal life.

CIA chief 'blundered' over aircraft sale to Iranians

WASHINGTON (UPI). — Central Intelligence Agency (CIA) director Stansfield Turner made a fundamental error in citing potential risks of a \$1.23 billion aircraft sale to Iran, and thus has done himself harm in his battle to gain centralized control of all intelligence activities.

In a classified letter to the General Accounting Office, administration sources said, Turner asserted there were "potential problems of high technology transfer" in the sale of seven sophisticated A-6A aircraft warning and command systems to Iran because of highly sensitive coding apparatus aboard the planes.

But, the sources said, the version of the A-6As proposed for Iran does not include the coding devices. Turner was unaware of the fact because he made the response without checking to find out, they said.

"He would have been aware of it

had he coordinated with the National Security Council and State and Defense Departments," said one source, adding that the issue goes to the heart of a dispute over the CIA director's proposal for centralized control of all intelligence functions in his office.

Turner's proposal would put himself — as director of central intelligence — in control of activities now under the Pentagon. These include the secret National Reconnaissance Office, which is in charge of spy satellites, and the National Security Agency, which is responsible for intercepting communications and cracking codes.

"If he is going to operate in this unilateral way, it gives concern that the Defense Department might not be informed of intelligence material it should," said Turner's plan he adopted, said the source.

Kissinger denies pledging billions to Vietnam

WASHINGTON (AP). — Former U.S. Secretary of State Henry Kissinger said yesterday the U.S. never made a firm commitment of postwar aid to Vietnam, but what offers did make were rendered null and void by Vietnamese violations of the Paris peace accords.

In view of North Vietnam's numerous abuses of the Paris agreement for a cease-fire in 1973, Kissinger said, it would be "an absurdity" for the U.S. to recognize any continued obligation for itself.

"That would be carrying masochism to the extreme," the man who shared the Nobel Peace Prize for negotiating the accords told a House International Affairs Subcommittee. Specifically, Kissinger denied there was any secret agreement by former President Richard Nixon to furnish \$3.25b. in reconstruction aid to Hanoi which the U.S. has failed to honour.

The Vietnam peace pact revealed the existence of a letter in which Nixon, in February, 1975, told North Vietnam's Premier Pham Van Dong that the U.S. would contribute such aid "without any political conditions" and said it would "fall in the range of \$3.25b."

But Kissinger said that was not a solid commitment, simply a preliminary "planning figure" to be used in

negotiating aid under the cease-fire agreement.

In what was officially characterized as an historic first, the voluntary appearance of a former Secretary of State before a Congressional Committee, Kissinger also rejected the idea that any other pledge of aid or reparations by the U.S. still exists.

He also said he believes Hanoi continues to withhold some information about Americans missing in the Indochina war and the U.S. should not consider any aid to the Vietnamese "until we've had a full accounting."

While the Carter Administration might consider aid to Vietnam in the light of present U.S. interests and as part of normalizing relations, Kissinger said he did not think it should be given a high priority.

"In terms of claims on American resources, I would put Vietnam in alphabetical order," he said.

Kissinger's appearance before the Subcommittee on Asian and Pacific Affairs was to answer questions about the Nixon letter to Pham Van Dong, which was made public by Representative Lester Wolff, Democrat-New York, more than a month ago. Wolff and other lawmakers have charged the Nixon offer was kept secret and that Congress was never consulted even though it would have to approve it.

Norwegian youth convicted in Lebanon; planned terrorist action in Tel Aviv

BEIRUT (UPI). — Norwegian leftist student Lars Gule, 22, was convicted yesterday of illegal possession of explosives and sentenced to six months in prison. He was also fined 500 Lebanese pounds (\$1,660).

Gule was acquitted of charges of possessing explosives with intent to commit a terrorist act.

After his arrest May 8 while trying to board a Frankfurt-bound plane at Beirut airport with a kilogram of explosives concealed in his carry-on bag, Gule had told authorities he had planned to use the material to plant bombs in Israel for a Palestinian terrorist group.

He could possibly have received a life sentence if convicted on the count of intent to commit a terrorist act. But at an initial hearing July 5, the slender, bespectacled Gule said: "I would not have used the explosives in Lebanon or any other Arab country" and professed "great faith in the Arab cause."

"I was going to choose one of three targets: The Hotel President in Tel Aviv, a nearby residence or a crowded street," he told the preliminary hearing. He said the date set for the bombing had been July 5 and that when he was finished he was to go to Cyprus and report to a woman.

New York Olympics would lose \$224m.

NEW YORK (AP). — Richard Ravitch, the man who has been campaigning to bring the 1984 Olympic Games to New York City, admitted on Monday that his dream would cause a deficit of \$224m.

Ravitch conceded that the city

cannot be expected to put up the money, but this has not made him drop his idea. "The games would be a tremendous boost to the city and a healthy shot in the arm for the construction and tourism industries, if it is fiscally prudent," Ravitch said.

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Special Traffic Arrangements in Jerusalem on Thursday, July 21, 1977

10th MACCABIAH PROCESSION

Under powers granted me by Amendments 17 and 18 of the Traffic Regulations 1961, and following consultations with the Israel Police, I have authorized the changes given below in traffic routing, etc., in Jerusalem, to facilitate the holding of a procession of the participants in the 10th Maccabiah.

The following traffic limitations and parking prohibitions will apply in Jerusalem on Thursday, July 21, 1977.

A. Procession Route
Assembly at Independence Park and King George Ave., near the Jewish Agency Building — King George Ave. — Rehov Ben Yehuda — Rehov Yafa — Jaffa Gate — Rehov Hativat Yerushalayim — Rehov Hativat Etzioni — Zion Gate — Rehov Batei Mahse — Western Wall.

B. Parking Prohibitions
From 7.00 a.m. until the end of the procession, parking will not be allowed on the route of the procession, nor in the car parks at the Dung Gate, Rehov Maaleh Shalom (Gikantous), and Derech Hativat Yerushalayim.

C. Closing of Roads
1. From 5.00 p.m. and until the procession passes, the following roads will be closed to traffic:
— King George Ave. from Kikar Tsarfat to Rehov Be'erl
— Rehov Samuel Hanagid, from Rehov Maalot to the Yeshurun Synagogue
— Rehov Keren Kayemeth LeIsrael, from Rehov Ibn Gabirol to King George Ave.
2. From 5.40 p.m. until the procession passes, the following roads will be closed to traffic:
— Rehov Ben-Yehuda
— Rehov Yafa from Kikar Zion to the Jaffa Gate
— Rehov Hativat Yerushalayim, from the Ein Rogel junction to the Jaffa Gate
— Rehov Hativat Etzioni
— Roads in the Old City and Rehov Maaleh Shalom (Gikantous)
— In Rehov Ha'Opel, only public transport will be allowed.

D. One-way Streets
From 5.40 p.m. and until the procession passes, the following roads will be one-way:
1. King George Ave., from Rehov Hahistadrut, in the direction towards Rehov Yafa.
2. Rehov Yafa, from Kikar Zion, in the direction towards Kikar Herut.
3. Rehov Hanev'lim, between Rehov Ha'ayin-Hat, in the direction towards Rehov Shvitei Yisrael.
4. Rehov David Hamalech, from Rehov Mamilla, in the direction towards Kikar Plumer.

E. Crossing the Procession Route
Despite the above, traffic will be allowed to cross the route of the procession at the points listed below, until the procession approaches the points concerned:
1. At Kikar Zabal, from Rehov Shlomo Hamalech to Rehov Hatzanhanim.
2. From Rehov Hahistadrut to King George Ave.
3. From Rehov Ben Hillel to Rehov Shamai.
4. From Rehov Be'erl to Rehov Hillel.

F. Public Transport
Changes will be made in the routes of public transport services that normally pass along roads which will be closed. Drivers are asked to comply with the instructions of the policemen posted at points affected.

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- * Yuval Trio: Beethoven Chamber Music Cycle at 8.00 p.m., Tel Aviv Museum.

Tomorrow

- * The Israel Philharmonic Orchestra conducted by Mehta: Beethoven Symphonies 2, 3, at 8.30 p.m., Mann Auditorium, Tel Aviv.
- * The Israeli Quartet: Beethoven Chamber Music Cycle, at 5.00 p.m., Tel Aviv Museum.
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By MACABEE DEAN
Jerusalem Post Reporter

FOR YEARS, during the Holocaust, when he was hiding like an animal in the woods of Germany and Poland, Aaron Stern asked himself one question over and over again:

"Babies are born with an enormous appetite and ability to learn; yet most of them grow up to become adults whose stupidities cause endless and senseless miseries, tragedies, and cruelties to themselves and others. Why?"

He reached the conclusion that the educational system was at fault. Not only did it not educate, but it destroyed the ability of a child to think logically; it filled his mind with trivia and trash; and it formulated in his emotional set-up many of the frustrations which were to accompany him the rest of his life.

"When I have a child," he vowed, "I will educate it according to my own system. I will take an ordinary baby and educate it into being a genius, not a true genius whose mind leaps ahead of known facts by some sort of instinctual inspiration but a person who exploits his mental potentials to the fullest, so that he appears a genius in comparison with ordinary people."

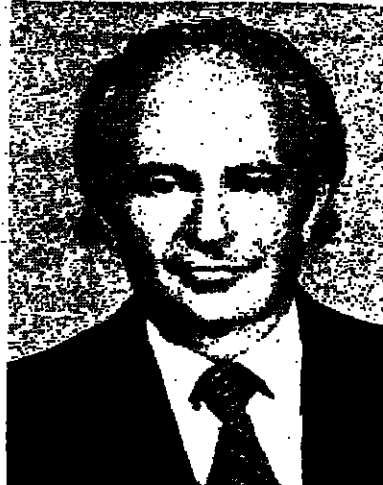
Stern and his wife, Bella, settled in the U.S., and on August 16, 1952, a baby, Edith, was born to them. Stern called a press conference: "Do you see this baby," he told the pressmen, "she will grow up to become a genius."

They didn't exactly laugh, for Stern was then, as now, a sick man. The ravages of the life in the forests, a series of ailments (including cancer of the jaw) which kept him for weeks on end in a hospital, convinced them that perhaps there was something behind his fierce determination.

At three, Edith was reading and writing — and already beginning to love classical music. At five she was reading the Encyclopedia Britannica, but at 12, disaster struck.

She was declared "an unimpaired, mediocre pupil" by her school teachers. He decided to fight the educational system, withdrew her from school despite threats of legal action, and had her enrolled in a nearby university. Three years later she graduated at the age of 15. She was employed as an instructor in mathematics at Michigan State

Any child can be a genius



AARON STERN

University at the age of 15. Not only was she the youngest college teacher in the country, she was also the youngest person in her classroom. A few years ago, irritated by hints that she could not succeed outside the ivory tower of an academic life, she went to work for IBM.

"The important thing to remember," Dr. Stern says, "is that she is a happily adjusted person. She has a warm personality, has a wide range of interests and abilities; she has not concentrated on the subject at which she is best: mathematics. She excels in all subject matters. She loves music, especially classical music."

At 24, Edith is unmarried. "Why?" "When I look around at the broken marriages in America — with 50 per cent ending in divorce, I'm glad she is taking her time."

The Sterns have another child, David, 17, who shows all indications of following in Edith's footsteps.

And Aaron Stern himself, told soon after he arrived in the U.S. that he

was fit only for manual labour, specifically that he should become a welder, finished a four-year university course in 13 months.

WHAT are the methods he advocates?

He calls them "total educational submergence."

He breaks this down to seven main points: use existing community resources to the utmost for the child living in a real world not in a stagnating classroom, and a nearby hospital can teach more about biology than a dry lesson in the subject; involvement in everything that goes on about the child — the fight against disease and prejudice (i.e., again leading the child into the actual mental world which dominates his society); teaching based on a dialogue, with the teacher and pupil having a debate about things, not forcing the child to listen to a monologue; do away with grades since some pupils cope more successfully with tests than they do with actual knowledge, thus allowing the mark achieved in a test to indicate progress, although this is not so; exploit educational TV to the utmost and eliminate as much as possible the viewing of trashy shows; let the pupil grow at his own pace since rigid conformity to chronological barriers is at best capricious, arbitrary, and even harmful at times; and finally, to teach the young person ten hours a day six days a week, but on trips, excursions, and so on.

Dr. Stern adds that self-motivation and interest on the part of the child are of the highest importance.

What about Israel? Dr. Stern believes that his methods can be adopted; in fact, they should be. Israel needs to exploit all its intellectual potentials if it is to survive in a hostile world.

But more than this, he believes that there is a time-bomb ticking away within Israel itself, whose explosion can be prevented. It is the friction between the Ashkenazi and Oriental communities, with the latter often being considered backward.

"I state categorically that there is no genetic difference between them or between the Jews and anybody else in the world. True education is the solution to ignorance and backwardness."

Tetanus — still a very real risk

A DOCTOR'S NOTEBOOK / Dr. David Samson

the camp.

After I'd given this to him, Dora wanted to know why this point about tetanus immunization had been stressed on the application form.

"I thought the chances of tetanus nowadays were almost negligible, with all the vaccinations and treatments available, and the improvement in standards of hygiene," she remarked.

"The number of cases of the condition has certainly gone down markedly in countries where this is so," I admitted, "but the disease is still a major scourge in places where immunization programmes are not yet widespread and hygiene is poor. But in any country the danger of tetanus for someone who isn't properly immunized against it is still very real indeed, and that's why the scouts are wisely not taking any chances with any of the children under their care at camp."

TETANUS can be a very nasty disease indeed. If tetanus bacteria get into the body, and if the right conditions prevail at the point of entry (those at the bottom of a penetrating skin injury are ideal), they then quickly begin to produce and liberate a substance called a toxin. It is this which is responsible for the unpleasant features of the disease. The toxin attaches itself to nervous tissue and interferes with its normal

functioning. This results in muscle rigidity, especially around the jaws (hence the other name for tetanus, lock-jaw) and muscle spasms which may lead to generalized convulsions. The bacteria themselves are very widespread in nature, being found especially in soil but also in street dust and even in house dust, so injuries in all sorts of situations are not without risk.

With a mortality of about 50 per cent it's just as well that we have an almost fool-proof method of tetanus prevention, by immunization, available. Anti-tetanus toxoid is a substance which, although harmless in itself, can stimulate the body's natural defence system to manufacture antibodies capable of destroying the real toxin should the need ever arise.

Initially three spaced injections of the toxoid are required to build up sufficient amounts of this antibody, and these are usually given as a course in infancy in the same injection as diphtheria and whooping cough vaccination. After this the body has to be "reminded" occasionally about its induced ability to neutralize tetanus toxin with antibody before it can do any damage, and so booster doses of the toxoid are given from time to time to maintain full protection. The optimal routine frequency of such boosters is not precisely known but most doctors

agree that every three to five years is reasonable. That is why I thought Ari ought to have one.

In addition a booster is usually thought advisable in the event of an actual injury from which there may be danger of tetanus where the person involved has not had a booster within the previous year. On the other hand too many boosters are unnecessary and may be associated with side-effects if given too often, something which is otherwise extremely rare with normally spaced injections of the toxoid.

It is worth pointing out to those who may not yet be fully convinced about the potential danger of tetanus that no medical procedure can guarantee that an unimmunized person will not develop tetanus after an injury. Although modern methods of treatment are available which significantly reduce the risk of the disease either developing or proving fatal under such circumstances, the whole picture is complicated by the fact that in about 20 per cent of cases of tetanus the point of entry of the bacteria into the body cannot be located, presumably because the injury responsible was so trivial as to be overlooked or neglected at the time. Accordingly, it is obviously worthwhile for everyone to be fully protected in advance against the possibility of contracting the disease.

A final word for expectant mothers. Anti-tetanus toxoid injections are completely safe during pregnancy and in fact provide protection for the baby too until he gets his own immunizations.

By JOAN CASE

BATSHEVA and the Panovs presented a rich, beautiful concert on Monday at Binyanei Ha'Ooma. Not every number was an unflawed jewel, but each one was radiantly danced, and two classics of the dance repertoire were given.

Donald McKayle's *Rainbow* around my Shoulder (1959) is powerful through its driving rhythms and the bitterly angry movements of a chain gang. The protest is heightened through contrast with the lyricism of the prisoners' memories: of gay debauchery, of ardent tenderness, of a mother's nagging love. The composition is a particularly satisfying masterpiece in that it builds a taut drama, and yet contains it completely within a musically counterpointed structure. Batsheva's men projected the furious strength of the prisoners with great competence, and Debi Smulian was a real treat as the female figure, writhing magnificently in jazzy passion.

Galina and Valery Panov performed delicately and fully aware of Jerome Robbins' *Afternoon of a Faun* (1963) Valery captured by famous vanity and Galina so sensitively fastidious. I have always regarded this pas de deux, too, as a masterpiece, with its portrait of narcissistic dancers, whose preoccupation with self-love might be felt for one another. It makes a comment on the dance world, both in its aesthetic quotations from Nijinsky's historical creation and in its reflection in a studio mirror of the shallowness, too often present among the practitioners of this art.

There were many people in the audience, however, who were obviously disappointed in the understatement of the piece. Perhaps the subtle beauty and gentle parody

Brilliant, rich Batsheva dance



Valery and Galina Panov in Jerome Robbins' choreography of "Afternoon of a Faun."

really need to be seen in a context of more conventional ballet pas de deux. The Israeli public unfortunately suffers from a dietary deficiency in this fare, and may have felt cheated that the Panovs did not show a more standard exhibition of virtuosity.

The former Soviet dancers were a hard act to follow, yet Tamar Tzafir and Yair Vardi rose to the challenge

bour round My Shoulder, because inept structure is one of their weaknesses.

A stunning image of the people of Israel is the content of *Mountain of Spices*, which Donald McKayle brilliantly created on order to blend the balletically trained Panovs into the modern Batsheva. Outstanding episodes included: *Discovery*, an exultant solo by Valery Panov; and *Innocence*, a duet for the couple in which Valery assumed a delightful pop brushness, and Galina an adorable, fussy pertness with apologies to jazz and ballet!

An unexpected gift came with the appearance of Lea Vivante, an Israeli charter member of Batsheva who currently makes her home in California. An accomplished Spanish dancer, Vivante added a dash of that Sephardic pride that flavours our country so strongly. In *August*, McKayle was inspired to use her Spanish arrogance to entice courageous Israeli youths Roger Briant, Rahamim Ron and Yair Vardi to assert themselves, evoking a fleeting image in their short black capes, of a gallant confrontation with death. *Mountain of Spices* was an elegant vision of Israel, and the whole company kept it aloft with vivid dancing.

Choice of music was not so happy. The collection of pieces by Moonood struck me as disconnected, and no particular help to McKayle's choreography. Similarly, Ginastera's score for *As I wish* seemed heavy and reinforced the rambling effect of the stage scene. On the other hand, the Debussy music for the pas de deux and the folk songs in *Rainbow* were exactly right. All things taken together, it was a rare evening in the dance theatre, yielding many pleasures.

HERB FOR ALL SEASONS

FROM MY JERUSALEM KITCHEN / Sybil Zimmermann

AN AUSTRALIAN friend of mine uses mint in salads; a Yeminite neighbour puts it in her tea. This very cheap perennial herb has several other interesting uses.

FRESH MINT SHERBET
1 package unflavoured gelatin
1 cup sugar
4 1/2 cups water
1/2 cup lemon juice
2 T. minced fresh mint

1. Mix gelatin and sugar in a saucepan. Add 1 cup water and cook over low heat, stirring frequently, until dissolved. Remove from heat.

2. Add remaining 3 1/2 cups water, lemon juice and mint. Pour into a freezer container and freeze until almost frozen. Remove from refrigerator, beat with hand mixer or by hand until foamy. Return to freezer until almost frozen. Beat again until foamy. Freeze until firm.

MINT JELLY
1 1/2 kilo apples
1 1/2 cup fresh mint leaves
1 T. lemon juice
sugar

green food colouring
1. Wash apples, cut in quarters, slice into a pot. Add 2 cups water. Cover. Heat to a boiling point. The mint leaves in a piece of cheese cloth and add to pot. If you have food colouring, add a few drops of green. Reduce heat and simmer 10-15 minutes.

2. Remove pot from heat, mash apples well. Return to heat and cook 5 minutes longer. Measure apple-mint mixture into another pot. Add lemon juice and 1/2 cup sugar for each cup of apple-mint mixture. Remove mint leaves. Pour into jelly glasses. Seal or refrigerate.

MINT SAUCE
1 1/2 T. water
1/2 T. confectioners' sugar
2 1/2 T. finely chopped mint leaves
1/2 cup vinegar
1. Heat water in a saucepan. Dissolve sugar to make a syrup. Cool.

2. Add mint leaves and vinegar. Let stand several hours or overnight. Serve with lamb or other meat.

VEGETABLE MINT MOULD
2 T. unflavoured gelatin

1/2 cup cold water
2 1/2 cups boiling water
1/2 cup mint leaves
1/2 cup lemon juice
few drops green food colouring
1/4 t. salt
1 large grated carrot
2 ribs finely-cut celery
1/2 cup nuts

1. Dissolve gelatin in cold water and let sit 5 minutes. Pour boiling water over mint leaves in a second bowl. Let stand 5 minutes then strain. Pour "infused" water into a saucepan and reheat. Add mint water to gelatin and stir until well blended.

2. Add lemon juice, green food colouring, salt, carrot, celery and nuts to gelatin-mint mixture. Pour into mould and chill.

MINT TEA
1/2 cup crushed mint leaves
4 cups boiling water
1 t. sugar
1 t. lemon juice

1. Place tea leaves and mint in teapot or pan. Add boiling water and sugar. Cover. Let steep 3 minutes. For iced mint tea, refrigerate then serve with ice.

When a trump threatens

BRIDGE / George E. Levinew

The squeeze is one of the prettiest plays in bridge. There are many varieties. Today's deal features an unusual double trump squeeze where a trump is the threatening card. It was played recently by Romik of the Israeli national team, partnered by Lev in the Philip Morris Biarritz segment.

Love all
LEV
NORTH
♠ Q J 10
♥ Q 7 5
♦ Q 7 5
♣ K 10
WEST
♠ A K 9 8 2
♥ A 10 8 5
♦ A 5 3
♣ 7
ROMIK
SOUTH (D)
♠ K 8 5
♥ A 10 8 5
♦ A 7 5
♣ A Q J 6 5 4 2

The bidding:
SOUTH NORTH
1 0
2 1 NT (13-15 points)
3 0
4 4
5 4
All Pass

The one diamond opening was a Canape bid — a short suit before a longer suit. The diamonds might have been longer, but subsequent bidding revealed the nature of the hand. When Lev bid three diamonds, he could not know how poor South's diamonds were.

On the next round he was confident in showing support in clubs with his

king doubleton, since the three club jump bid had been forcing to game. Romik decided to risk the slam.

The opening lead was the spade ace followed by another spade. The problem was how to avoid the loss of a diamond. The only hope was a squeeze.

The spade king won the second trick. The heart ace was played. The club king won the next trick and then a heart was ruffed. All the clubs but one were played, leaving this end position:

A spade was played to the queen. West could not discard a heart, since the play of the heart queen would establish the heart eight. Nor could East discard a heart, since the play of the heart eight would establish the queen. Each defender had to discard a diamond. So South won the diamond, trumped a heart, and won his twelfth trick with the established diamond.

We anticipate this same level of championship play when Lev and Romik play next month at the European Championships at Eilatmore.

BRIDGE CALENDAR

Results
Jerusalem: Shevet Hayamin Tournament. Best four of five rounds. Scores in percentage totals. 1. Hed-Rok 245, 2. Tihany-Has 262, 3. Temmes 261, 4. Elsing-Groenberg 233. Haifa: Axelrad Cup, 1977. Four rounds, scores in Victory Points with average 260. 1. Schechman-Schechman 218, 2. Mrs. Cohen-Ullmann 204, 3. Rosenfeld-Gerhman 202, 4. Libster-Baim — Sha'af 208.

Massed bands perform in capital

The first massed-band concert in Israel got off to a flying start at the Jerusalem YMCA sports ground on Monday afternoon with "Hatikvah" played by some 500 wind players from ten bands assembled here from all over the country.

The conductor was Dr. William D. Revell, the well-known educator and band leader from the United States. Although he is used to conducting massed bands numbering over ten thousand players, in gorgeous uniforms, with first-class instruments and a long tradition in band music, he good-humouredly conducted the amateur musicians with a vigour belying his 77 years.

American marches, "Jerusalem of Gold," and other pieces formed the nucleus of the programme, which was interspersed with contributions of the individual bands from Tel Aviv, Jerusalem, Acre, Beer-Sheva and Kiryat Ono. The one-hour programme was acclaimed by an audience of some thousands, with young children making up the bulk of the public crowding the grandstands lining the sports grounds.

Dr. Revell is holding a conductors' seminar at the Jerusalem Music Centre during this week, attended by most of the musicians working in this field. A national Honour Band has been assembled for the season.

The whole project is a joint venture organized by the Israel Band Federation, the Jerusalem Municipality and the National Educational Scholarship Foundation of Chicago, whose founders and leaders, Mary Jane and Bob Ascher, were present at Monday's concert.

CINEMA

Summer frivolity

IL60, NO BLACK MONEY — (General release) Shai K. Ophir, Yoram Cohen, Yossi Shiloah and Esther Zevika.

SHAI K. OPHIR seems to be everywhere these days: hijacked at Rosh HaNir; prancing round a bewitched garden; and now hitch-hiking, hippie-style, to Eilat with comedian partner Jacques Cohen, apparently fleeing to Bolivia.

Fortunately for this hurriedly-turned-out piece of holiday amusement, which Ophir directed and also co-scripted with producer Itzhak Shani (they met in "The Garden"), he (Benny) and Cohen (Sissy) settle, night's refuge in Dimona. There, seated before two mountainous dishes of rice and peas, they encounter the stirring music of the "Soul Messengers" (Black Hebrew group). At this point — if you've managed to sit through the first three quarters — the film takes on a

more professional note and changes for the better.

Certainly the two half-wit hams deserve a spot of luck. Dogged by trouble since their frightful flop in a Jaffa nightclub and threatened with death by club owner Nissim (Yosef Shiloah) unless they pay up the half million losses — in black money — they turn to quick money-makers, with disastrous results, and soon land up in the Mafia underworld.

In the telling you are treated to a lot of foolery and an array of familiar faces including those of the Gashashim trio.

Finally, of course, Benny and Sissy hit the jackpot with the help of the Black Hebrews, and everything works out just fine.

DOMINI KEEBLE

Four painters

DAVE LIKTON, EITAN CANAAN, NIRA LIKTON, RIVI GOLAN. Four artists who describe their oils in high sounding terms but who are nevertheless not bad painters. The least pretentious, and very competent at that, is N. Likton's 26, three trucks and their shadows in two shades of blue. The most ambitious piece, and very capable in colour and composition (31) comes from E. Canaan, in two planes, the foreground representing the elongated skeleton of a mammoth and, behind, a hilly landscape whose form echoes the animal's dorsal line. Unity characterises R. Golan's 33, a nude perched on a pedestal whence men fall down into the air; it develops an idea permeating her black and white show in this Gallery a few years ago, and now in a lighter mood. D. Likton seems intent on what soft abstraction can extract from graded colour: choice to 14. (Ritz Gallery, Haifa). Till July 22.

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Time for redress

FOR NEARLY thirty years now, the dilemma of Iktit and Bir'im has weighed heavily on the nation's conscience. Now, at long last, there is a chance that it may be lifted.

This will not be easy. Too many arguments have been put forward over the years to justify barring the return of the residents of these two Maronite villages to their homes near the Lebanese border. Too many careers have been committed to the defence of these arguments, however weak — even specious — they might seem. But time has its own irresistible logic, sweeping foolishness and injustice in its way.

The basic facts concerning Iktit and Bir'im are not in dispute. The two villages were evacuated in the heat of battle against the invading Arab armies in 1948. The reason given was purely military, and was said to reflect no suspicion of the inhabitants' loyalty to the State of Israel. An express promise was made that the people would be allowed to return as soon as the fighting subsided.

This promise was not kept. The villagers then took their case to the Supreme Court, and won. But the military authorities chose to ignore the ruling, and that is where the matter still stands today.

In their defence the authorities claimed, rightly, that the evacuees had been offered, and mostly accepted, liberal offers of substitute homes in the Gush Halav area nearby. But, they insisted, what had been done to Iktit and Bir'im could not be undone.

Proximity to the unsettled northern frontier was cited as the reason. The two Maronite villages alone, if repopulated, need not create a security problem, it was conceded. But such action could give rise to similar claims on the part of other abandoned Arab villages in Upper Galilee. And this would create an intolerable situation.

The growth of terrorist power in southern Lebanon, especially after 1967, seemed to reinforce the security argument.

Vigorous backing for the military came from the adjoining new Jewish settlements, some of which had been allocated the lands belonging to Iktit and Bir'im. They feared that the reestablishment of these two Maronite communities might be a signal for demands for the return of abandoned Arab properties in the entire area. This was unthinkable.

Actually, it was merely preposterous. The case of Iktit and Bir'im was utterly unique, and could serve as no conceivable precedent. The residents had only asked for the right to go back to their homes, not to their lands. But even if satisfaction of their claims did involve a minor readjustment of land titles, it was a small price to pay for righting an obvious wrong.

All that the country could lose thereby was a growing reputation for unbending rigidity, stemming from an irrational fear of appearing to be weak.

Last year, though, the tide began to turn. From the ruins of the Lebanese civil war, an unwritten pact emerged between the State of Israel and the population, largely Maronite, of southern Lebanon: this was symbolized by the official opening of the "good fence." Thus a touch of absurdity was added to the official policy on two small Maronite communities within Israel.

Yet so deeply entrenched had this policy of successive governments become, that an effort by Prime Minister Rabin to raise the issue in the cabinet late last year came to naught.

This is now the Likud government's opportunity. Echoing sentiments expressed earlier by Defence Minister Weizman, Religious Affairs Minister Abuhazzeira has publicly vowed to initiate moves for a new approach on Iktit and Bir'im. He has support in virtually all parties.

He also has his opponents, in nearly all parties; and the settlers of Upper Galilee appear to be, at least for the moment, in hysterics. Yet the prospects of a Knesset majority in favour of redress are now better than ever. A great deal, of course, may depend on the attitude of the Labour Party. It would be ironic if this overdue act of reconciliation were to be thwarted by Labour's reluctance to go back on some of its outdated decisions.

Stadium for Jerusalem

THE MINISTER of Interior, Dr. Burg, is "examining the file" on the Jerusalem Municipality's plans to build a sports stadium in the northern part of the city.

Dr. Burg's intervention follows pressures and opposition to the plan voiced by Orthodox residents of the Sanhedria Murhevet area which is near the site.

Unfortunately this opposition has assumed wholly unwarranted proportions. A campaign has been mounted in the U.S. and Canada to flood the municipality with complaints and threats from persons saying they would stop contributing money to Israel if the stadium is built.

Moreover the arguments wielded against the stadium have tended to conceal the real issue. The residents of Sanhedria Murhevet have claimed that the stadium is not necessary, is a wasteful use of resources at this time, would adversely affect the quality of life in Jerusalem or "Hellenize" the city.

But what appears more central is the residents' fear that the stadium will impair the quiet of their Sabbath, though the approach roads will not pass through the neighbourhood and the stadium itself will be some 900 metres away.

Certainly this is not a position that can be entertained in a city in which the only existing and wholly inadequate stadiums are located smack in the heart of residential areas, causing a major nuisance to Orthodox and non-Orthodox residents of central Jerusalem.

The city, in its planning, has taken far-reaching steps to honour the needs and sensibilities of Sanhedria Murhevet. A 900-metre cordon sanitaire in an urban complex is certainly sufficient.

The residents of Sanhedria Murhevet and those, like Dr. Burg, whom they have stirred up would do well to recognize that a united Jerusalem must be not only a political fact, but also a physical planning reality, encompassing all neighbourhoods and all sensibilities.

YITZHAK RABIN spends many hours in the Knesset Members' dining room these days.

As prime minister, he was rarely seen there. Rabin now enters unobtrusively, carrying a small black briefcase with his initials in gold letters in the bottom right-hand corner. In the past, this reporter never saw him carrying anything bigger than a plastic case for his glasses. The other ex-cabinet ministers also find themselves with lots of spare time. Former Finance Minister Yehoshua Rabinowitz walked out of a boring Knesset debate last week, got to the dining room door, looked around, and returned to the debate.

Two months after Labour's electoral defeat, party leader Shimon Peres is still "in the dumps," according to a close associate. He looks it too.

Rabin turned power over to the Likud with grace. In fact, he seemed to have found it less painful to turn over the premiership to Menachem Begin than to Peres, whom he accused of undermining his administration.

The Rabin-Peres feud continues, but on a low key. Rabin is one of the very few who abstained when Labour's Central Committee elected Peres party chairman. There was no rival candidate.

In an obviously snide reference to Peres after Labour's success in the June 21 Histadrut elections, Rabin said that Histadrut Secretary-General Yeruham Meshel "is no electoral asset, but he won the elections." Peres for his part is known to believe that scandals such as Rabin's illegal bank account in Washington — ruined Labour.

INTERVIEWED last week, Rabin declined to disclose his immediate political plans. However, he declined to recognize Peres as the undisputed leader of the party. "I don't think Labour is one main party. A collective should be the basis for the party leadership," he said.

Rabin did not say who the key figures in the proposed "collective" should be. "Whoever the party elects," he said.

Yigal Alon has long regarded himself as the Number Two man and possible leader. He said he had dropped the idea of challenging Peres for the party leadership when Rabin suddenly stepped down after the existence of his illegal account was discovered — because there was no time to organize a campaign.

Party members were impressed with Alon's very forceful speech at the last Central Committee meeting. Alon later invited some Labour leaders who live in the Galilee to his kibbutz, Giv'at Kinneret, on the shores of Lake Kinneret.

Alon's power base is the kibbutz

The transition from power to opposition, says JOSHUA BRILLIANT, has been accompanied by considerable difficulties for the Alignment.

Labour Party adrift



sector. Although the kibbutzim control only 200 of the 800 seats in Labour's Central Committee, they are expected to play a greater role in party affairs than hitherto, and this will increase Alon's influence. "A victorious party bases itself on its public appeal," an ex-cabinet member said. "But a party that has suffered a defeat needs cadres — people on whom it can rely. And these are available in the kibbutzim," he added.

Many people credit the kibbutzim for Labour's success in the Histadrut elections. Kibbutz members campaigned actively throughout the country and persuaded supporters to go to the polls. According to some reports, very few kibbutz members stayed home during the Histadrut elections, in contrast to their behaviour five weeks earlier when the Knesset elections were held.

THE NEXT development in the Labour Party will probably be a confrontation between young reformers

and the old guard. Veterans who have no public appeal, but are experienced at back room manoeuvres, have lost Labour much support. A new Member of the Knesset, Uri Baran, considered it "surprising and presumptuous of Rabinowitz to think that after his record as mayor of Tel Aviv (he lost the city elections to the Likud in 1973), and later as minister of finance, he can be part of the leadership."

But a former minister countered that Labour cannot win the next elections with novices only. "You cannot return to power without a leadership that has a wide national appeal," he said. "A strong appeal within the party isn't enough."

The implication was that none of the new leaders is capable of winning the nation's confidence. "There will be no clean sweep of the present leadership. Some of them will remain," he said.

Peres, who is trying to avoid a showdown, assured this reporter

that "everything will fall into place."

The 800-member Central Committee was to have voted on Sunday on whether those nominated by the leadership are to choose the Executive, which is the party's highest organ, or whether the Central Committee is to choose the Executive. The Committee and perhaps even the Executive in a secret ballot. However, in order to avoid a confrontation between veterans and kibbutz members who advocate the first option, and reformers who propose a choice between the second and the third, the decision was postponed. Party sources said it may be taken only in a month or two.

MANY LEADERS of Labour are still in a state of shock after their May 17 defeat. They are engaged in soul searching. "We're looking for a way to rebuild ourselves and don't know what to do," one Knesset Member said. Since there are conflicting

ideas within each group it will take them time to sort themselves out. The power struggle may also be put off because Peres' job is not a very attractive one at the moment. Unpopular moves, including retrenchment and diamasals, will be necessary if the Labour Party is to repay debts totalling some IL50m. Moreover, many leaders want to avoid rifts. They realize that their frequent feuding caused the public to turn away from the party. The coming struggle may well be over ideological issues. According to MK Danny Rosolio, it might focus on whether Labour should be a centre party or a Zionist-Socialist one. A former minister speculates that the party may be divided between the advocates of a hard line on foreign affairs and security, and the supporters of a moderate policy.

WHEN IT WAS the ruling party, Labour papered over ideological differences, arguing that it had to face realities. But it with the clear-cut stands and sharply drawn the line separating it from the Likud it hopes to win popular support and regain power.

This could exacerbate differences within the party, and possibly lead to splits. Those who stayed in Labour mainly because they wanted power may look for more comfortable homes once they feel that Labour's chances of bouncing back are small.

The problems confronting Labour surfaced at a Knesset faction meeting on Monday night.

Members had difficulty finding a common basis to criticize the Likud's latest economic moves. There was something less than unanimous support for Peres' suggestion that the Likud should be attacked for cutting the defence budget — something that the previous Labour government had avoided.

Peres also discovered that his attempts to increase the influence of intellectuals in the party would not be easy to implement. He had invited several professors to the faction meeting, and economics professor Haim Barkai criticized many of Labour's positions. He defended the Begin Government's decision to curtail the development budget, and told astonished members that their opposition to reductions in government subsidies would help the rich more than the poor. The 20 per cent at the top of the income scale benefit from 23 per cent of the subsidies, while the 20 per cent at the bottom enjoy only 13 per cent.

MK Shoshana Arbeli-Almozell could take it no longer. "Why do we have to listen to Barkai?" she protested.

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READERS' LETTERS

FIVE-DAY WEEK

To the Editor of The Jerusalem Post Sir, — Meir Merhav's article on the five-day week (June 28) makes interesting reading. However, it is a fact that the National Religious Party proposes to introduce the five-day week. For whose benefit? Is it to ensure that non-Orthodox Jews will thus observe the Sabbath? Will they? Or is it to enable "the observant Jew to enjoy those recreations which at present are inevitably out of bounds to them?"

In this connection, I would like to mention two fundamental commandments as set out in the Bible. Firstly, "Thou shalt not covet" — even other people's recreations. Secondly, "Remember the Sabbath day to keep it holy. Six days shalt thou labour and do all thy work, but the seventh day is the Sabbath of the Lord thy God; in it shalt thou do no work." Not only is it ordained to rest on the Sabbath; it is also ordained to work for six days before one has a right to observe and enjoy the Sabbath.

S. J. APTEKAR
Nazareth Illit.

MATRICULATION EXAMS

To the Editor of The Jerusalem Post Sir, — My son has just completed the entire series of matriculation examinations according to schedule and without any mishap.

In view of the difficulties created by the alleged leaks of a number of tests to various students, this was quite an achievement.

There was great anxiety among the students lest the examinations be postponed, which would have upset vacation plans. This is no simple matter, especially for the boys going into the army in the immediate future.

A herculean effort was made by top officials of the Education Ministry and countless parents and high-school graduates are deeply grateful for the success and punctuality of the exams.

ZELIG CHINITZ
Jerusalem.

THE TRUE SPIRIT OF JUDAISM

To the Editor of The Jerusalem Post Sir, — In the letter of Shaya Karlinsky (July 6), the case of Orthodoxy is defended by claiming that the application of the principles of the Torah "is relevant to a constantly changing world."

The advent of the automobile and of electricity was not foreseen by the Halacha. The prohibition of driving on Shabbat is based on the principle that the horse and the donkey are also entitled to rest. The prohibition of lighting a fire on Shabbat is based on the fact that it was a very difficult job to start a fire before the invention of matches, let alone the use of electricity (which, incidentally, has nothing to do with fire).

The Shabbat was not intended to impose more work and effort, but, on the contrary, to allow for rest and enjoyment (Oneg Shabbat). Pushing a button in order to ride an elevator is not much of an effort, but climbing the

stairs to the fifth floor is not only heavy work, but can provoke a heart attack in a person with a weak heart. The same thing applies to walking, say, from downtown Haifa to the top of the Carmel instead of riding in a car.

Therefore, the so-called application of the principles of the Torah by Orthodoxy is not only not "relevant to a constantly changing world," but is actually contrary to the spirit of these principles. In order to realize how far some Orthodox fanatics strayed from the spirit of the Torah, one has to refer to their letter to Shulamit Aloni containing a bullet and a threat to kill her. Apparently, these Orthodox fanatics consider the Commandment "Thou shalt not kill" less important than the issue of driving on Shabbat. Is this the true spirit of Judaism?

DR. JACOB ROSIN
Netanya.

WHAT JAPANESE LEARN ABOUT ISRAEL

To the Editor of The Jerusalem Post Sir, — In your issue of June 24, Dr. Kazufumi Manabe, Associate Professor of Public Opinion and Communications at Japan's Kansai Gakuin University, is reported as saying that less appears in Japanese textbooks on Israel than in Israeli textbooks on Japan.

The actual state of affairs regarding instruction about Israel and Jewish People in Japanese schools may be far worse than Prof. Manabe suggests. I base this supposition upon a study of an official Japanese government publication, *Course of Study for Upper Secondary Schools in Japan*. This volume was prepared by the Ministry of Education, Science and Culture and gives detailed information about the curriculum of these Japanese secondary schools.

Although one could not reasonably expect that many hours of classroom teaching be devoted to this subject, I think it is not unreasonable to expect that the Japanese secondary school curriculum require that at least simple, basic information about the Jewish People and Judaism be taught. Reading the curriculum, the Jewish People are non-persons and Judaism a non-faith.

The relevant subject in the curriculum is "World History," which is part of "Social Studies." Not a single one of the eight sections

devoted to the "content" of "World History" even hints at the part played by Judaism and the Jewish People in Western history, religion and thought. For example, in the section on the "Formation of ancient culture," the curriculum reads as follows: "The pupils should be led to consider the differences in the ancient societies of Asia, Europe, etc., the historical significance of the Hellenistic period, the formation of the Mediterranean world through the growth of Greece and Rome, and the significance of the birth of Christianity...."

In the section on "Formation of the West Asian cultural zone and cultural interchange," the curriculum deals "mainly with the formation of Islam, the development of the Caliph Empire, etc...." Similarly, the section on the "Formation and development of the European cultural zone" deals "chiefly with the emergence of Christianity and the formation of feudalistic society...."

Taking these three sections as a unit, there is no intimation either that both Christianity and Islam, as monotheistic faiths, have roots in Judaism, or that Jewish religious and ethical thought constitutes a significant strand of Western thought in general.

DR. AVRAHAM ALTMAN
Jerusalem.

POSTSCRIPTS

THE ELABORATE bar-mitzva celebrations of the Diaspora have come to some kibbutzim, a colleague reports.

Kibbutz Mishmar Hanegev this year sent out printed invitations for the culmination of a year of bar-mitzva projects by 18 of their 13-year-olds. It's not clear how many went out, but 1800 guests arrived.

The 18 sets of proud parents began by hosting private cocktail parties for their own guests. Liquor flowed, there were marvellous homemade french pastries, baskets full of fresh fruit, and even pieces of grilled chicken.

As for the presents — at least one of the boys ended up with a manilla envelope full of cheques — "so I can buy what I want," a camera, a radio, scuba diving gear, records, and of course, the obligatory fountain pen.

The private parties merged into a large communal buffet on the kibbutz lawn — smoked meats, hot 'burekas, salads, fruit, cake, soft and hard drinks. The kibbutz women, in long maxis and flowered tent dresses, were far more fashionably dressed than most of their city guests.

Then everyone went out into the open fields for fireworks, demonstrations of physical prowess, and (to remind everyone), the raising of a red flag.

Finally, there was an hour long variety show, presented by the children and professionally directed by a resident choreographer, and a 15 minute long colour film made by

the children about themselves. A chicken in every pot sounds a positively Spartan slogan in these materialistic times.

J.B.

THE BY-NOW almost forgotten incident of paintings disappearing from the walls of Kibbutz Holim convalescent homes is a kind of thing a parent not confined to this country.

Our Amsterdam correspondent tells us that there has lately been a rash of thefts of valuable paintings from the walls of government departments in The Hague. The Distribution Service of the Government Art Collections gives out paintings on loan from museums which lack space to display all the possessions.

At the end of June, two Akkerling landscapes, valued together at about IL200,000, disappeared from a room in the Ministry of Education. This was the fifth such theft from government department within the past few months.

The Distribution Service has now demanded the return of all paintings on loan. The only exception is from the Treasury which, housed in a brand-new building, is equipped with all the most modern security devices. Art-loving government officials will have to make do with reproductions from now on.

"The Laughing Cavalier," my either be splitting his sides with mirth, or laughing on the other side of his face.

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